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GETTING BETTER.

MARKED SHIPPING IMPROVEMENT.

WOMEN WILL BUY BRITISH GOODS.

SWATOW IMPROVES.

It would appear that the resumption of trade relations with Canton is gradually getting on a sounder footing, and that there is no little anxiety on the part of many Cantonese to get down to Hongkong. This is shown in the latest returns of passengers carried by the river boats.

The Tung On, which left Hongkong at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning, carried with her 600 passengers, and no sooner had these disembarked at Canton, than the return passengers began to come aboard. A steady stream passed on to the ship until twelve o'clock at night when the gates were closed, but when they were opened again at 6 o'clock, there was a crowd of five hundred more waiting, many of whom had been there since twelve o'clock. The boat thus had her full complement of passengers.

A passenger who renewed his acquaintance with a Chinese business man on board had a long talk on affairs in Canton, and the latter expressed the opinion that although things appeared to be quiet and orderly, he thought it extremely likely that in the near future there would be strife between the various factions, with what result he was not prepared to say.

REMARKABLE SHIPPING IMPROVEMENT.

The increasing confidence is already reflected in ocean steamer movements, and British shipping is particularly busy. At nine o'clock this morning there were 67 vessels in port, of which number only 23 were British, and 13 were Chinese. There were eleven British arrivals and five departures yesterday, the total for all nationalities being 25 and 15 respectively.

The German steamer Dorry arrived from Swatow with 300 tons of general cargo for Hongkong.

River traffic is also being speeded up. The s.s. Tung On left for Canton at eight o'clock this morning, and the s.s. Sai On leaves tomorrow at the same hour, the company proposing to continue its daily service. Cargo is being carried on both vessels.

The s.s. Kwonglai made her first trip to Canton since the strike this morning. She went up in ballast.

The s.s. Wing On will make her initial trip to Hongmoon at 6 p.m. this evening, and the Kwong Fook Chun will probably be placed on the Wuchow run to-morrow. Both vessels have already received consignments for the ports.

BETTER SWATOW OUTLOOK.

A naval wireless message from Swatow, dated yesterday, states that the Labour Unions there are now more subdued, this being probably due to the improvement in the situation at Canton becoming more widely known.

The message adds that it appears probable that some of the employees of British firms will return to work to-day (Tuesday).

WOMEN IGNORE BOYCOTT.

Canton women are evidently not very partial to the support of the movement to extend the anti-British boycott, and it is reported that the Kuomintang Women's Division, of which Mrs. Liao Chung-hoi is the head, has been asked to launch a plan for the purpose of interesting them in "home-made" goods rather than British products.

It is said that since the abolition of the picket nuisance, many piece-goods dealers in Canton have been able to stock their shops with British goods, and hundreds of women folk are attracted to Yan Hong, the piece-goods retail streets in Canton, to buy the best they can for the new season's wear. As a result, with a good variety released from foreign godowns, business is

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IMPROVING KOWLOON POINT.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES BIG SCHEME.

WILL COST \$230,000.

The Government rarely springs a surprise, and it was therefore with considerable interest that a *Telegraph* representative this morning enquired the nature of the scheme under which the P.W.D. proposed to spend \$50,000 on improvements to Kowloon Point during 1927.

\$50,000 is the amount voted in the Budget for 1927, but it is now revealed that the total vote for improvement will be something in the nature of \$230,000, extended perhaps over 1928 and 1929.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, detailing the votes in the Budget Speech, said that the vote of \$50,000 was one of the few new works of any magnitude provided for in the Estimates under discussion. The roadways outside the Star Ferry wharf, he added, have proved entirely inadequate to deal with the ever-increasing traffic. Safety and convenience alike demanded early attention to the area, and the Government considered that improvements should no longer be delayed.

The exact nature of the alterations are still in the air, we were informed to-day, but the Government's intention is to improve not only the lay-out, but also the general appearance.

The Star Ferry Wharf, our informant said, is not a particularly beautiful edifice, and in all probability something will be placed in front to improve the outlook for anyone approaching the ferry. One of the suggested schemes is the extension of the railway colonnade in front of the Star Ferry.

In the centre of the area, which is to be re-planned entirely, provision will be made for separate stopping places, etc., for omnibuses, private cars, and richshaws.

Everything will be done to ensure the best possible traffic control, and it is the finding of a solution to an admittedly knotty problem which is engaging the P.W.D. at present.

FORGED CHOP.

YOUTH AND DEATH THREAT.

Intimating that the defendant would have been sent to the Criminal Sessions for trial but for his youth, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, sentenced a young Chinese to six months' hard labour for obtaining the sum of \$50 by the use of a forged chop.

As outlined by Sergeant Daly, the facts were that the defendant, who was employed by the paper maker of 565, Shanghai Street, had had a forged chop made out and collected a debt of \$50 which was due to his mistress from one of her creditors. The defendant had, however, sent a letter to his mistress informing her of his act. In Court, the defendant stated that he had owed a friend some money and he had been threatened with death if he did not make good the loan.

"ROSANDRA" FIRE.

SHIP BEACHED AND FLOODED.

London, Oct. 18. A message from Post-Said says that the Lloyd Triestino steamer, Rosandra, from the Far East, which was reported to be on fire, has water in the engine-room, which is still three feet above the plates. Pumps continue, and as far as can be seen the boilers and engines are intact. The decks are bursting up owing to the expansion of the soya beans. The vessel is not yet afloat, and is discharging the soya beans as quickly as possible.—*Reuter*.

VOLUNTEER CAMP.

VARIED PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

INTERESTING WORK.

Volunteers, who will have seen in this week's Volunteer Defence Corps Orders the dates on which the annual camp is to be held, will be pleased to learn that a very interesting camp programme has been arranged. The spreading of the Camp over two months, with certain weekends for certain units, is an entirely different arrangement from that which held in 1924, when the Corps as a whole went to camp for two week-ends running.

One of the principal reasons for this change, is to facilitate the organization of the training. The space on the field-firing range is limited and in 1924 it sometimes happened that, while one Company was firing, the men of another Company would be either waiting, "sitting on their hunkers" doing nothing and "getting bored," or doing squad drill or other exercises, which can far better be carried out on the barrack square at Headquarters. The camp training programmes for this season are framed with a view to eliminating barrack square work and to giving instruction in the more interesting part of soldiering, namely, field-work.

THE ENGINEERS.

The programme for the Field Section of the Engineer Company has not yet been definitely decided upon: if funds are available, it is hoped to carry out some demolition and light-bridging work. The Signal Section will be carrying out experiments with their portable wireless set throughout the New Territory. It has been found that owing to the high hills intervening between the frontier and Hongkong there is some times difficulty in establishing communication between the two places, and it is desired to find out exactly how far wireless communication with the existing sets can be relied upon. The Section will also work with the other Companies on field-days, sending back messages.

THE ARTILLERY.

The Artillery Company are going to the Command Practice Camp in January, so as to obtain actual ground practice with the new 6" howitzers.

MOUNTED INFANTRY.

The Mounted Infantry Company's ponies are being sent out to camp at Fanling at the end of this month. During the actual camp week-ends this Company and the Armoured Car Company will carry out field-firing on the range and firing whilst on the move with ball-amunition: there will also be field manoeuvres, in which Lieut.-Col. Coates of the 5/2nd Punjabi Regiment has very kindly volunteered to provide the "enemy." The ponies, being out in camp for almost the whole winter, the members of the M. I. Company will have excellent opportunities of perfecting their cross-country riding and getting to know the country over, which they might actually be employed. In addition to the camping programme, field-days are being arranged on suitable Sundays during the winter and spring months, in which the M. I. and A. C. Companies will carry out combined operations.

INFANTRY COMPANIES.

The Scottish and Infantry Companies' programme includes extended order drill, platoons attacking over the field-firing range with ball-amunition, and manoeuvres of advance and rear guards.

A detachment of the Medical Section will attend camp each week-end to deal with possible casualties. In short, the programme has been framed on such lines as to give those in camp plenty of hard but interesting work. For the week-ends to be a success, it only remains for the weather to be kind and for the heads of firms to co-operate by giving the members of their staffs every facility to attend camp, as far as business will permit.

SURREYS GET READY TO LEAVE.

CAMP ON MURRAY PARADE GROUND.

BORDERERS COMING.

A military camp in the heart of the City will be an unusual spectacle for the next week.

Following the impressive ceremonial parade by the 1st Battalion the East Surrey Regiment yesterday morning, fatigue parties were organised and in the space of a few hours Murray Parade ground was dotted with tents and marquees. The battalion will take up "residence" for the first time this afternoon, and will sleep there until they embark for India.

The Surreys will be engaged during the next two or three days in cleaning up Murray Barracks before the 1st Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers take over. The new regiment is due to arrive on Friday, and arrangements are being made for sporting competitions between the old and the new battalions before October 27th, when the Surreys depart.

PRICE OF SILVER.

A FURTHER SHARP DECLINE.

New York, Oct. 18.

Following weakness in London bar silver dropped two cents, the sharpest decline in the present reaction bringing the price down to 52 cents. (This is slightly below the previous record of the 1921

THE CANTON TAXES.

No Protests Yet.

London, Oct. 18.

As far as is known in well-informed circles in London, no Power has as yet protested against the new taxes levied by the Canton Government, but the taxes are regarded as illegal as they are not imposed by the Central Government.—*Reuter*.

SLUMP. The latest selling movement originated with the recommendation of the adoption of the gold standard in India. The reduced market value of the silver is over ten cents within two months.—*Reuter's American Service*.

STOWED AWAY.

RUSSIAN'S SEARCH FOR WORK.

A young Russian was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with stowing away from Shanghai on board the s.s. Wytell.

The defendant admitted the charge and stated that he had gone on the ship to obtain work but could not do so on account of his being unable to speak either English or German.

His Worship passed sentence of 17 days' hard labour, pending the return of the ship to Shanghai when the defendant will be taken back to the northern port.

BLOWN 400 MILES.

JAPANESE FISHERMAN SAVED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Oct. 19. The steamer Kwangchow, from Hongkong, has landed here six Japanese fishermen from Formosa, who were rescued from a sinking boat after being blown four hundred miles by a typhoon.

2,000 KILLED.

THE TUSSELE FOR NANCHANG.

MANY EXECUTIONS.

Writing under date of the 11th inst., the Nanchang correspondent of the *Shanghai Times* says:

For about ten days we have been cut off from the outside world, as the Kiangsi-Nanchang Railway, did not function, and to-day we received Shanghai news from September 17 to 25. During these days we passed through times of great nervous strain.

Like lightning, out of a blue sky the Southern troops, a small force of them, took Nanchang on the night of September 19. They practically found an empty house when they arrived. The Kiangsi troops had all been sent to the border of the province in order to keep out invaders, and how this small force of Southern troops came, practically unopposed, from Hunan via Yuanchow and Shui-chow in a few days' time carrying everything before them, has been and still is a marvel to us.

They behaved well after their arrival and were considerate and kind to the Kiangsi people, but merciless towards any Northerners. They were a mixture of an army. They did not wear the same uniforms. There were some Russians amongst them, a good many young boys, also students, and last, but not least, a regiment of young women.

RECAPTURED BY NORTH.

After holding the city for three days, we noticed that large numbers of them came out by the South gate, evidently to meet a Northern force coming from Changshu, that was on Thursday, September 23. We heard rifle and machine-gun fire a little way beyond the suburb outside the South gate and at times heavy guns, throughout the day.

When danger was brewing, more of the Southern troops left the city, without any order, every man for himself. Some walked, others went on wheelbarrows, again others in richshaws. When the richshaws did not go fast enough they paid off the coolies and took to their feet, and literally dashed forward into the battle.

TERRIFIC ATTACK.

In the afternoon and evening they came back again in very much the same way. Most of their faces looked pleasant and we all thought that they had achieved a victory, especially as we heard that the firing had moved into the distance. But, lo, during the night, the Northern forces made a terrific attack. Big shells whizzed over our house into the city, machine-gun fire and rifle fire came nearer and nearer and was very furious all around us. Great shouting was heard at the city gate in our immediate neighbourhood and also bugle calls. The firing continued for some time, and then suddenly there was dead silence, only on the West side of the Kan river near the railway station about five miles from our dwelling lively fighting still proceeded.

LOOT SENT OFF BY POST.

The Northern troops looted all the way as they came along the Southern suburb, and also after they entered the city, and since they have kept it up ever since. About seven-tenths of all the shops and homes were looted. Yesterday, taking a stroll through the city, we saw the parcels of loot going into the post office to be sent to the soldiers' homes.

The shops have been shut for about six days. Food is scarce and although proclamations have been posted up calling upon the people to open up, yet they ignore these proclamations.

Many civilians, also students, who had welcomed the Southerners, have been killed; according to police statistics about 2,000 in all. A certain style of hair-cut, the so-called Russian style, on the part of the students was sufficient reason to kill them without trial. There is no authority. The police were in hiding for several days.

SEQUEL TO SHOP THEFTS.

DISCOVERIES MADE AT PAWNSHOP.

TELL-TALE FINGER-PRINT.

A series of thefts committed in various shops in the city has been revealed through the arrest of a Chinese by Detective Sergeant Carey, acting on a search warrant.

When the home of a Chinese at No. 75, Praya East was searched the other day, a number of pawn tickets were seized which have since helped the police to clear up a number of cases of thefts committed in the central district of the city.

Amongst these papers was one relating to silk goods stolen from the store of Messrs. Wassimull Brothers at Queen's Road Central, a representative of which to-day stated at the Police Court that he recognised the arrested man as having visited the shop at a time when there was much press of business during the holding of a cheap sale. The man came in holding a bundle of notes in his hand, but this did not convince the assistant that he was anything but a thief. Consequently, the assistant ordered him out of the shop but he lingered behind and what happened afterwards was not known to the assistant, who had his attention fully engaged in serving the customers.

A second charge against the prisoner was the theft of a cigarette holder from the Tabacqueria Filipina.

On their part, the police told the Bench that a curious procedure was revealed during investigations at a pawnshop. It was found that the prisoner came in at one time to pawn a bangle, and, at another time, he redeemed this article with the money secured from pawning a roll of silk. He was identified as a returned banished, and the officer in charge of the Finger Prints Bureau testified to a peculiar mark left by the impression of the fourth finger of the man's left hand, the tip of which was missing.

The prisoner disputed this documentary evidence, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow for the attendance of an interpreter who was present at the reading of the order of banishment.

INDIA AND OPIUM.

SOME OUTSPOKEN DEFENDERS.

London, Oct. 18.

Presiding at a meeting of the East India Association, at which Sir Richard Dane read a paper on Opium in China and India, Lord Meston criticised the "vicarious righteousness" of some Americans who attended the conference for the suppression of opium smoking. He emphasised that India was in nowise blameworthy for the introduction of the drug into China.

The India Councillor, Mr. Mallick, declared that "millions of tons" of liquor were imported into India yearly and was more harmful than opium. He described Britain's action in abolishing the opium trade of India as a political move whereby the country had lost 6,000,000 rupees of revenue yearly. The peasant producers of opium had lost another six to eight millions.—*Reuter*.

PROHIBITION VOTE.

RESULT OF NORWEGIAN PLEBISCITE.

Oslø, Oct. 18.

To-day's plebiscite on the question of the abolition of prohibition of liquors with an alcoholic strength exceeding 21 per cent. has up to the present, resulted in 98,706 votes for and 61,620 votes against the prohibition. The latter's poll shows a great increase and the former's a decrease.—*Reuter*.

TROOPS ON MOVE.

MORE CADETS FOR FRONT.

ASPECTS OF THE CHEKIANG REVOLT.

MORE TALK OF PEACE.

A naval message from Hankow, of yesterday's date, states that 24 junks full of Southern troops proceeded down river from Hankow yesterday afternoon, towed by tugs. It is added that H. M. S. Gunt is sailing for Kiangsi to-day (Tuesday).

ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT.

A naval wireless message from Hankow, dated yesterday, states that the anti-British boycott is in force at Sinti, which is 90 miles above Hankow.

Labour Unions in Hankow are beginning to hold processions, says the same message.

THE CHEKIANG REVOLT.

That the province of Chekiang, under its Civil Governor, Hsia Chiao, has declared its independence, or rather its secession from the alliance of the five provinces headed by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, has caused no surprise, inasmuch as Hsia Chiao is both a member of the Kuomintang and an adherent of General Chang Kai-shek. Moreover, he was created commander of an Army Corps by the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee a short time ago.

This action of Hsia Chiao will no doubt have a marked effect on the south-eastern situation, and Marshal Sun may be forced to return to Nanking to cope with the critical situation in the outlying districts around Shanghai. The fact that the No. 6 Bridge of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway has been blown up by the Nanking forces sent to reinforce Shanghai shows the seriousness of the situation. Moreover, Kiangsi and Fukien seem likely to be lost to the Allies, in which event Marshal Sun's base will be threatened.

It is now possible that the fourth stage of the Northern Campaign, namely, the investment of Nanking, will begin sooner than it was timed for in the programme of the Kuomintang. However, it is reported that Shanghai is being reinforced by troops arriving by train day and night and that these are taking up positions all along the Hangchow Railway as far as Sungkiang, while the main forces are being concentrated at Chang Chow Fu, whilst the Anhui forces are reported to be concentrating at Ning Kwok Fu, on the Anhui-Chekiang frontier.

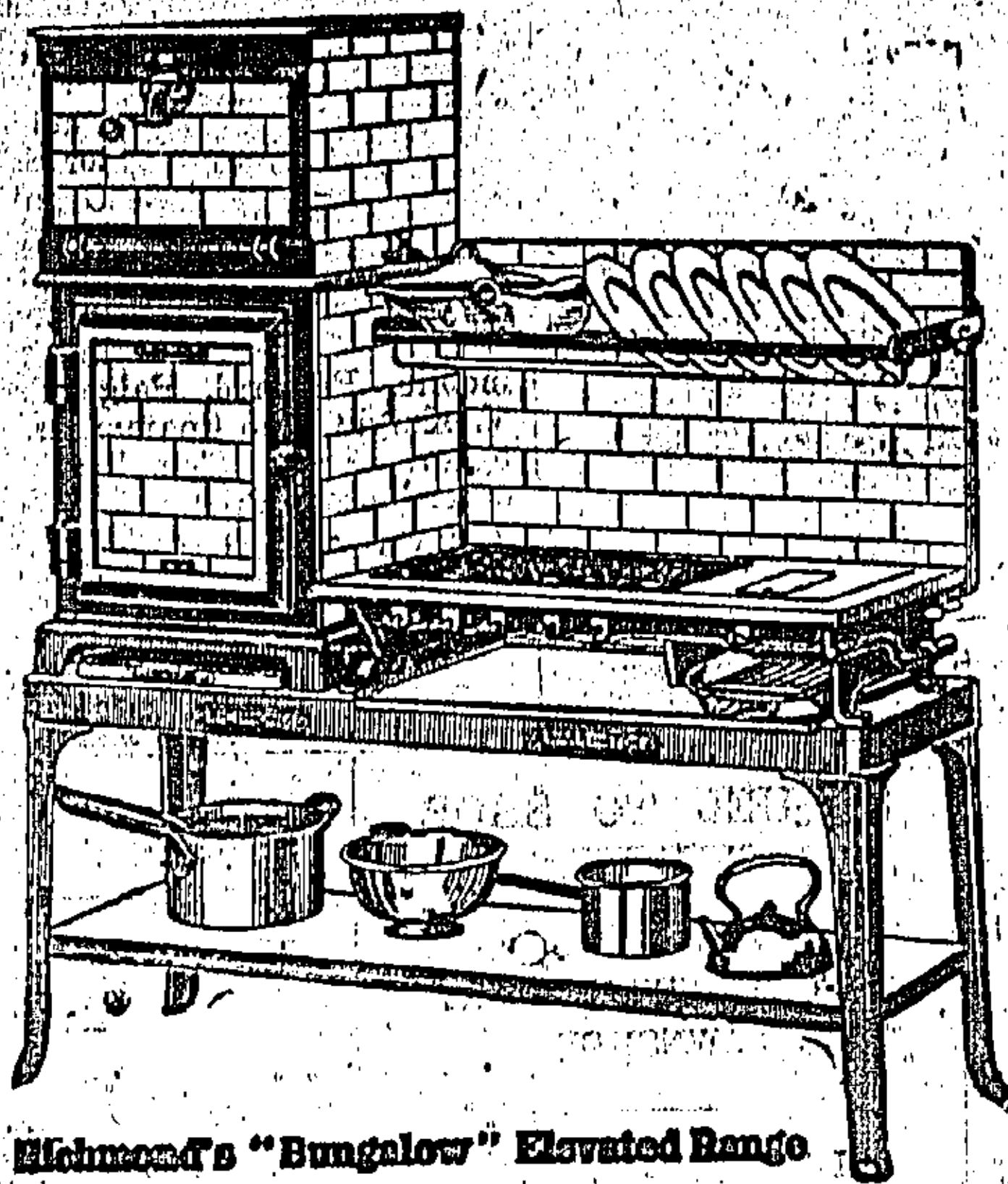
MORE CADETS.

A report from Canton states that over 1,000 cadets from WZangpa were entrained on the 14th inst. for Shuihwan. They are said to be destined for the Kiangsi front to fill up the vacancies in the crack Division under the command of General Wong Pak-ling. This Division has taken a part in many recent battles and has sustained more casualties than the other Divisions.

PEACE BY AGREEMENT?

Commenting on the war between Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and General Chang Kai-shek, the *Shanghai Times* says:—The question remains as to how long the two armies can continue the war. Both Chang's and Sun's armies suffered heavily in the fighting of the last few days, and all indications point to the fact that a stage of exhaustion has been reached whereby further military progress is impossible. General Chang's forces have been hard hit since the Allies started their offensive. Marshal Sun's hopes of assistance from the north appear to be futile because any assistance might result in his territory being overrun by Shantung troops, who will not be in much of a hurry to depart. Settlement by agreement seems to be the only solution, but much depends upon the ability of the Cantonese to continue the war, and also to stretch out to Shanghai.

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IN THE NORTH.

SHANGHAI COUP FAILS.

Shanghai, Oct. 18.
The situation in Shanghai is decidedly quiet to-day, with few indications of the possibility of hostilities actually reaching the city, although the Chekiang forces of General Hsia Chao are reported still moving along the Hangchow railway.

Hsia Chao's coup to capture Shanghai has been unsuccessful, and Sun has now had time to prepare for the defence of the city.—*Reuter.*

Feng Yu-hsiang Redivivus.

Canton, Oct. 18.
The Nationalist Government has organised a National Special Court for the public trial of war prisoners.

The Southerners claim the repulse of Sun's troops at Changshue, Kiangsi. Another report from Kiangsi states that Allied forces are retreating to the upper Yangtze. Feng Yu-hsiang has telegraphed to Canton that the Kuomintang troops are moving in three directions to Shansi and Shensi, on their way down south to join the war.

Li Chai-sum has telegraphed to Hsia Chao, Civil Governor of Chekiang, congratulating him on taking up the post of Commander of the Eighteenth Nationalist Army. Chang Kai-shek is moving his troops to the east of Hupeh, on the way to Kiangsu and Anhui.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

Chinese Reports.

Shanghai, Oct. 18.
Only rifle firing was exchanged between the outposts at Hsai-lung-hua yesterday. The Chekiang troops are guarding Kashi, while the foremost defence line of Sun's troops is at Hsichong.

General Chao-yue, of Sun's forces, is sending four regiments and one brigade of soldiers from Nanking to Shanghai. It is reported that they may reach Chekiang territory to-night.

Hsia Chao, Civil Governor of Chekiang, has taken up the post of the Commander of the Eighteenth Nationalist Army.

Sun Chuan-fang is reported to be still at Kiukiang. The labour unions at Wuhan have suggested that a special court be organised for the public trial of Liu Yu-chun and Chen Kia-mo.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

The New Pastime.

Peking, Oct. 18.
The American merchant vessel Ping was heavily fired upon between Shasi and Ichang on Oct. 12, according to delayed despatches from Hankow.

Two days later, Chinese troops attempted to commandeer the vessel at Ichang, but were cleared off by an armed guard from the American gunboat Elkano.

The vessel has since suspended sailings. Numerous instances of British vessels having been fired at below Hankow are also reported.—*Reuter.*

CANTON HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

THE THREAT OF A STRIKE.

Peking, Oct. 18.
News from Canton is to the effect that the American hospital for the insane is threatened with a strike similar to that which led to the closing of the Canton Hospital last spring, a series of unreasonable demands having been presented by the local labour unions.—*Reuter.*

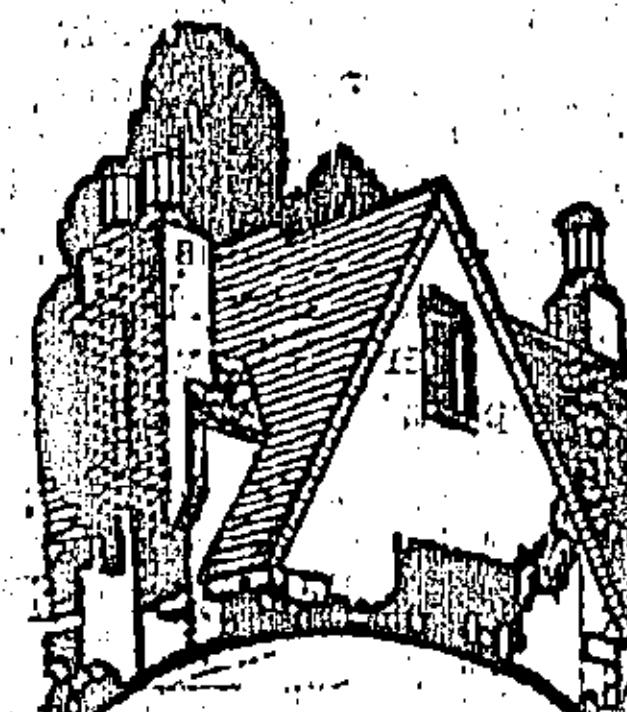


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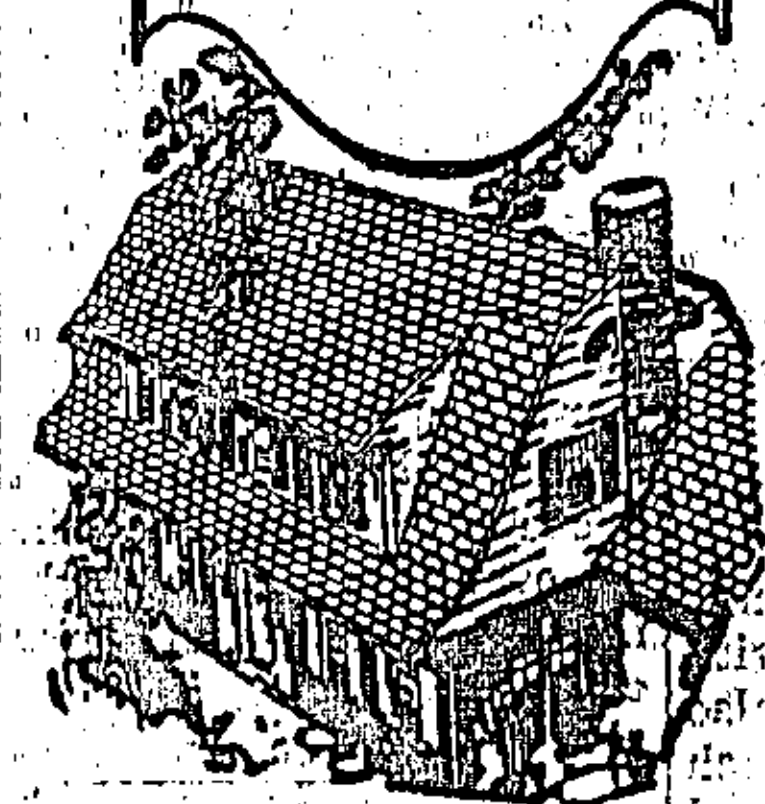


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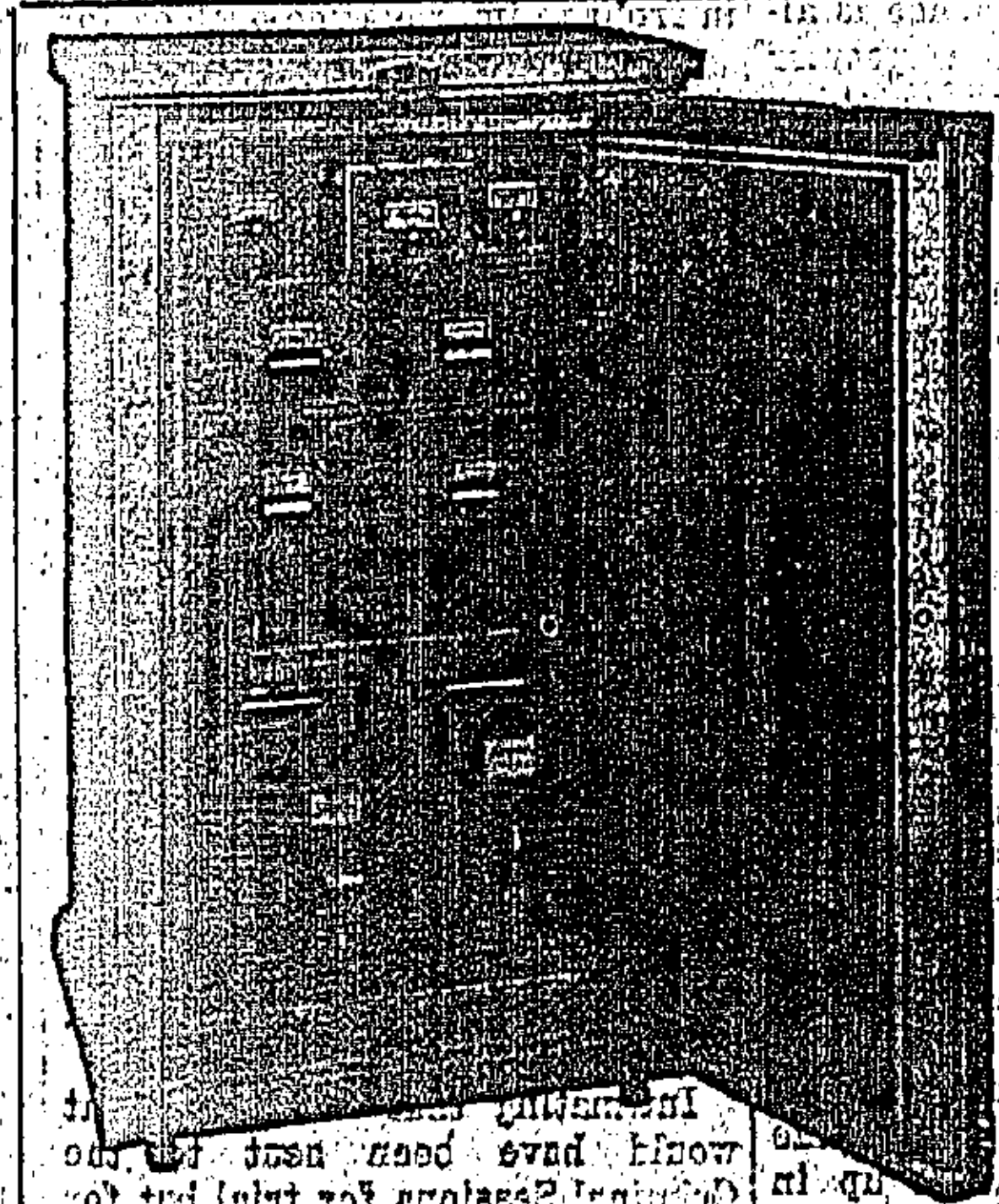
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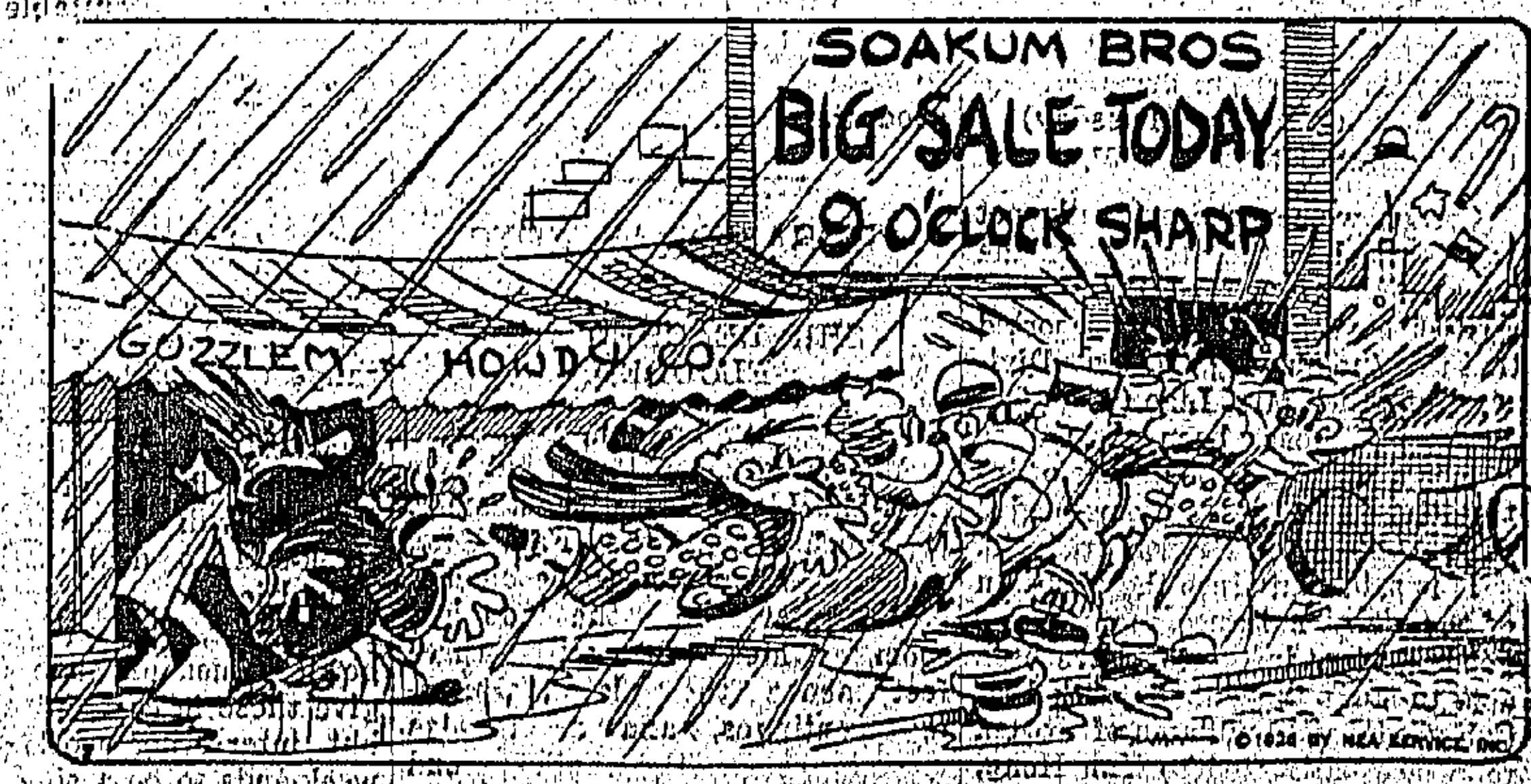
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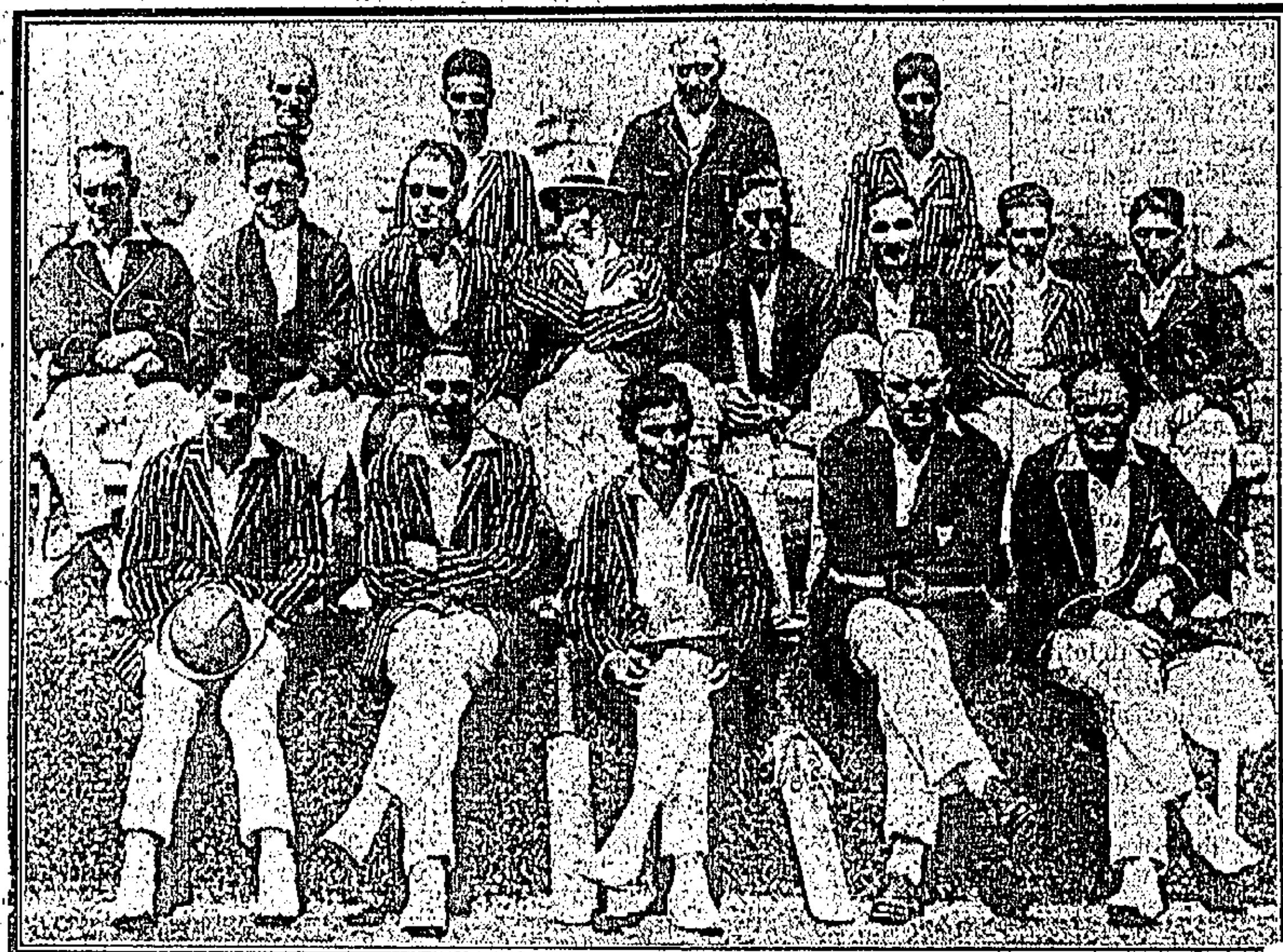
ST. GILES'S FAIR AT OXFORD.—The scene at St. Giles, Oxford, during the opening hours of the annual two-day's fair, one of the oldest remaining in England. (Times copyright).



GERMAN OFFICERS IN FULL REGALIA.—The reviewing officers of the Memorial Day parade at Nurnberg, Germany. Left to right, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, with his field marshal's baton; Field Marshal General von Mackensen, in uniform of the Death's Head Hussars, and Prince Oscar of Prussia.



THE SPANISH CRISIS.—The Marquis De Estella and members of the Spanish Government leaving the Royal Palace, Madrid, after the council of Ministers, presided over by the King, on the settlement of the recent crisis. (Times copyright).



SHANGHAI CRICKETERS.—The above is photo of this year's team of the "Beas," the only absentee being J. A. Isaacs. The Beas have won the League this season, repeating their last year's performance, and of the three big games against the Club, have won two, meeting with their first defeat last week-end, in the series. Reading from left to right:—Top row: G. A. Homiball, V. Evans, W. E. Wilson and C. J. Smith. Seated: T. W. R. Wilson, S. V. Gash, C. E. Ollerdesen, R. P. Phillips (Pres.), H. B. Ollerdesen (Capt.), M. J. Divecha, W. E. Austen and P. Madar. Bottom row: T. A. Madar, A. C. Barton, S. F. Shroff, J. A. Quayle and A. J. Willis.

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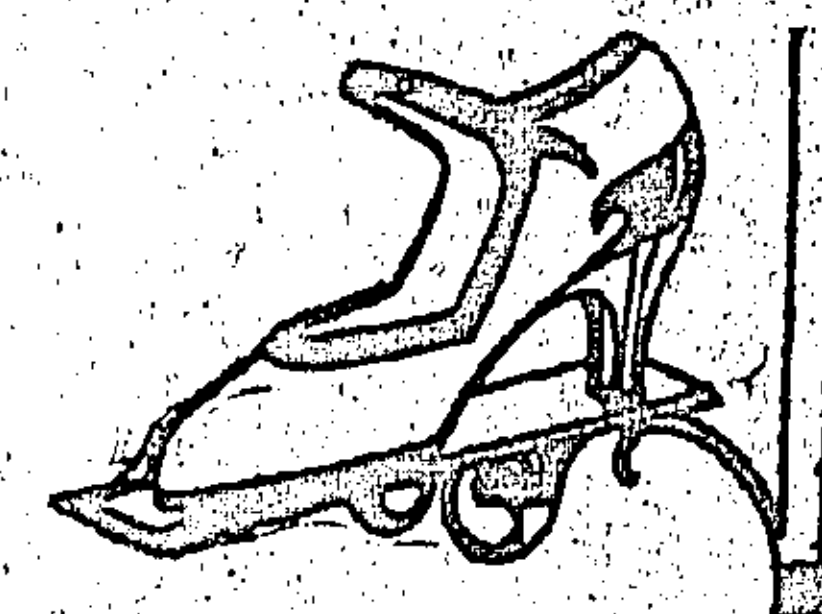
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 2nd Day of November, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th October to the 2nd November, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the

Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th October, 1926.

THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following Debentures were drawn at the Pavilion on Friday, the 15th Day of October, 1926.

21	236	461	667
24	241	471	688
28	243	476	700
32	248	489	714
46	249	504	727
59	257	506	744
69	253	520	750
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90	277	530	760
94	283	575	763
107	292	580	773
114	295	586	783
119	313	587	791
120	331	600	795
131	347	605	796
135	361	610	800
143	364	617	803
157	389	628	805
184	393	632	816
197	401	639	823
200	409	645	830
202	434	647	832
213	442	655	839
222	448	660	836
228	451	664	843

Holders of Drawn Debentures who desire to be paid on the 31st October, 1926, are requested to inform the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, on or before Thursday the 28th October, 1926.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that the Debentures numbered as above which are not cashed on the 31st October, 1926, will be paid on the 30th April, 1927, after which date they will cease to bear interest.

By Order,

J. D. HUMPHREYS,

Hon. Secretary.

Dated the 15th of October, 1926.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

SURTAX FOR FAMINE RELIEF: LEVY OF.

With reference to Notifications of 13th and 20th September, the Inspector General of Customs now directs that Famine Relief Surtax is not on this occasion to be levied on the local 50% Surtax already charged on the Likin and Chingfei proper.

W. O. LAW,
Deputy Commissioner in charge ad interim, For Kowloon & District, York Buildings, Hongkong, 16th October, 1926.

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1. "That the nominal sterling capital of the Company as existing at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a special Resolution be converted into Hongkong currency at such rate of exchange as may be determined by the Board, and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the Hongkong equivalent of such sterling capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of \$11,000,000, Hongkong currency, divided into 275,000 shares of \$40 each."

2. "That each of the issued sterling shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$5 each, upon each of which the sum of \$5 has been paid, be converted into one share of the nominal value of \$40 Hongkong currency, at such rates of exchange as may be resolved upon and determined by the Board, and accordingly that 216,605 shares out of the 275,000 shares of the nominal value of \$40 each, constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased may be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a Special Resolution in exchange for the sterling shares then held by them."

3. That the Articles of Association be altered by deleting Article 184 and substituting therefor the following article:

184. "A dividend, instalment of dividend, or interest payable in cash by the Company to a shareholder in respect of a share, may be paid by posting a cheque, order or warrant for the amount in a cover directed to the shareholder at his registered address, or by payment of a cheque or granting of an order or warrant on production of the dividend book issued by the Company in respect of such share. Every such warrant shall be made payable at the Company's Head Office or other appointed place of payment. The Company shall be discharged from liability for the sum expressed in any warrant by payment according to any order for payment or endorsement thereon, purporting to be made by the payee therein named, or by any other person on his behalf, and no person shall be entitled to payment of any dividend, instalment or interest for which a warrant shall have been so posted, or for which payment shall have been made by a cheque or the granting of an order or warrant on production of the dividend book as aforesaid, except upon presentation of the warrant."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY given that should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 10th day of November, 1926, at the same time and place.

By order of the Board,

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 14, 1926.

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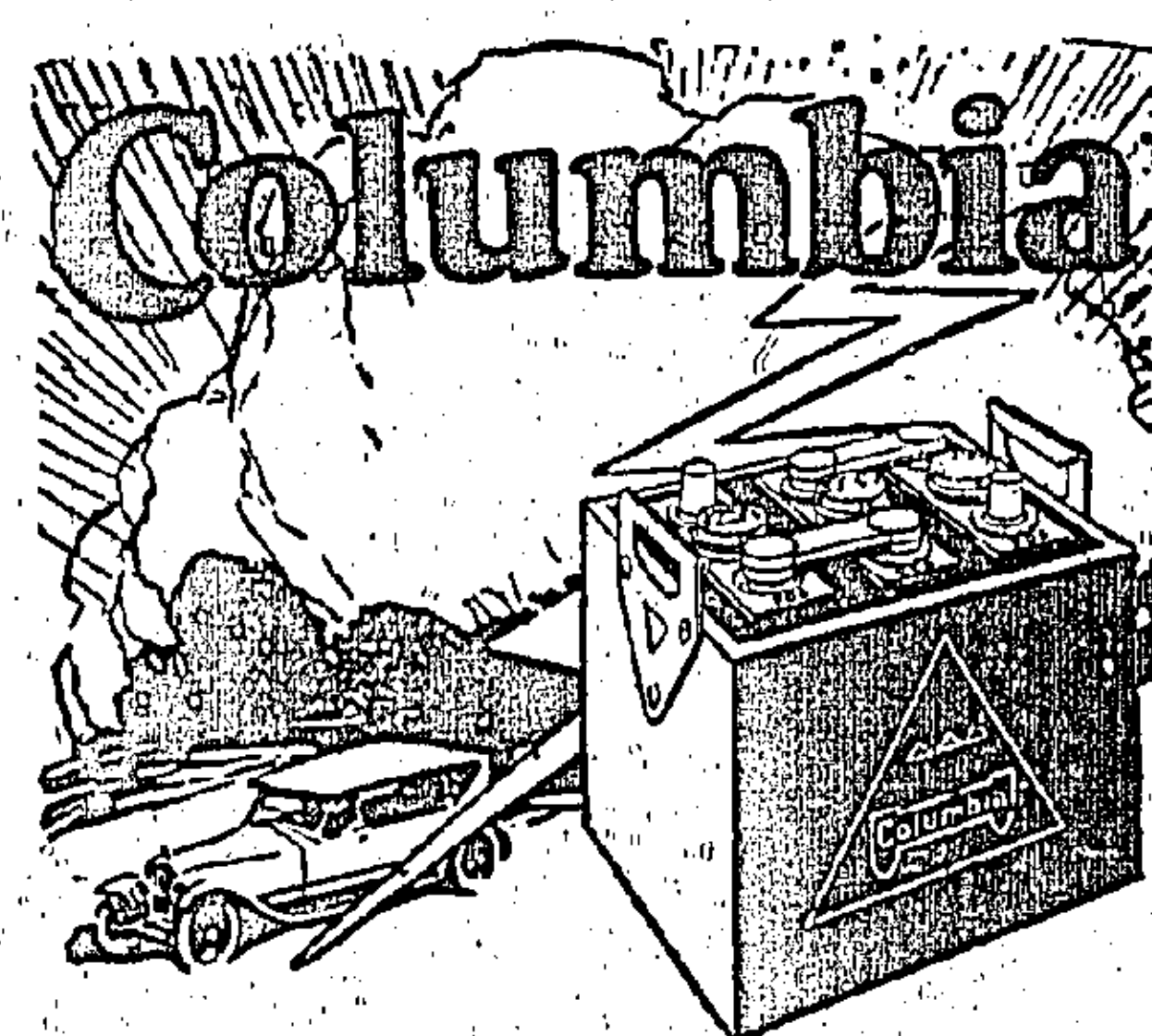
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PROPAGANDA EFFORTS DISCUSSED.

Rugby, Oct. 18. Although circumstances beyond their control prevent the Executive of the Miners' Federation from carrying out the main proposals of the recent delegate conference for "intensifying the struggle" in the coalfields, the efforts of leading officials in various areas to bring out some of the men who have returned to work may, during the current week, result in a reduction in the number now employed.

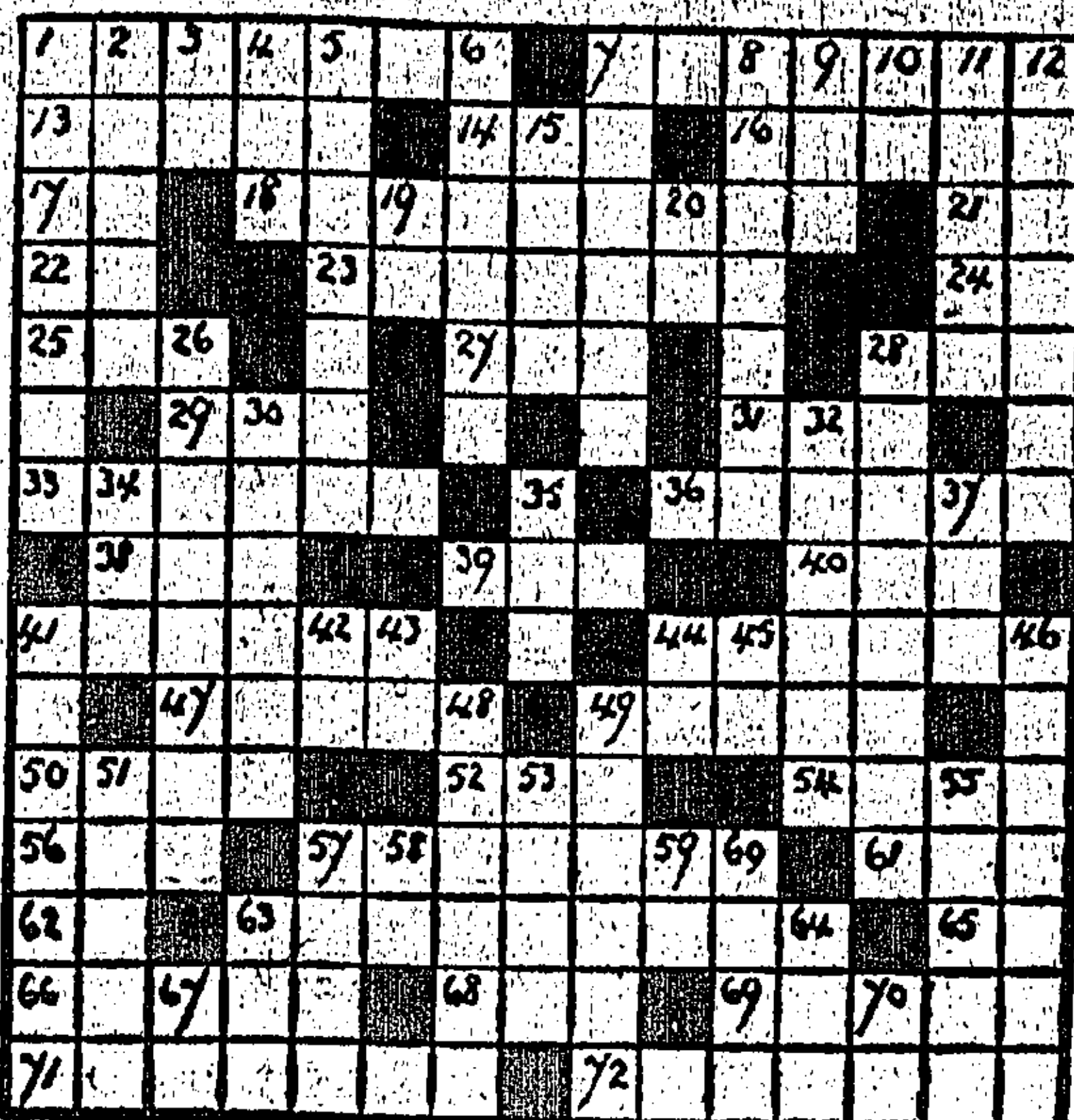
Prospects of securing the withdrawal of the safety men, an embargo on foreign coal, or a levy on the other unions, have practically disappeared, and the only means at the disposal of the Executive for intensifying the struggle is to induce a substantial number of men to leave the Midland and other pits which are now working. Several days must, however, elapse before the effect of any of this propaganda will be felt.

In Nottinghamshire the Executive have the nominal authority of the local Miners' Association, which has balloted its members with a result that over 4,000 voted for a continuance of the stoppage and less than 3,000 for a return to work. The importance of this decision, however, is completely discounted by the fact that the Federation membership in Nottinghamshire exceeds 55,000, and that already there are in that county 35,000 miners at work. These were not permitted to take part in the ballot. A scarcely less anomalous situation exists in several other areas, and the Manchester Guardian thinks it possible that by the end of the week the futility of the conference resolution will be apparent, and the opponents of it, including the Secretary of the Federation, Mr. Cook, and the President, Mr. Smith, will be justified. For the present, however, the conference resolution has tied the hands of the Executive.—*British Wireless.*

ALSACE-LORRAINE QUESTION.

Berlin, October 18. The ex-Minister, Derburg, speaking at a democratic meeting in Hamburg, stated that at Locarno Germany renounced Alsace-Lorraine, but if she had claimed these provinces for herself it would have been against the will of the Alsations and Lorrainers.—*Havas.*

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33. Half eaten.
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52. Atmosphere.
54. Thin.
56. State of equality.
57. Female hero.
61. Rest on a chair.
62. Editor (Abbr.).
63. Impregnated.
65. Of (French).
66. Royal.
68. Gaelic word for John.
69. Not so high.
71. Disapproval expressed nasally.
72. Oriental.

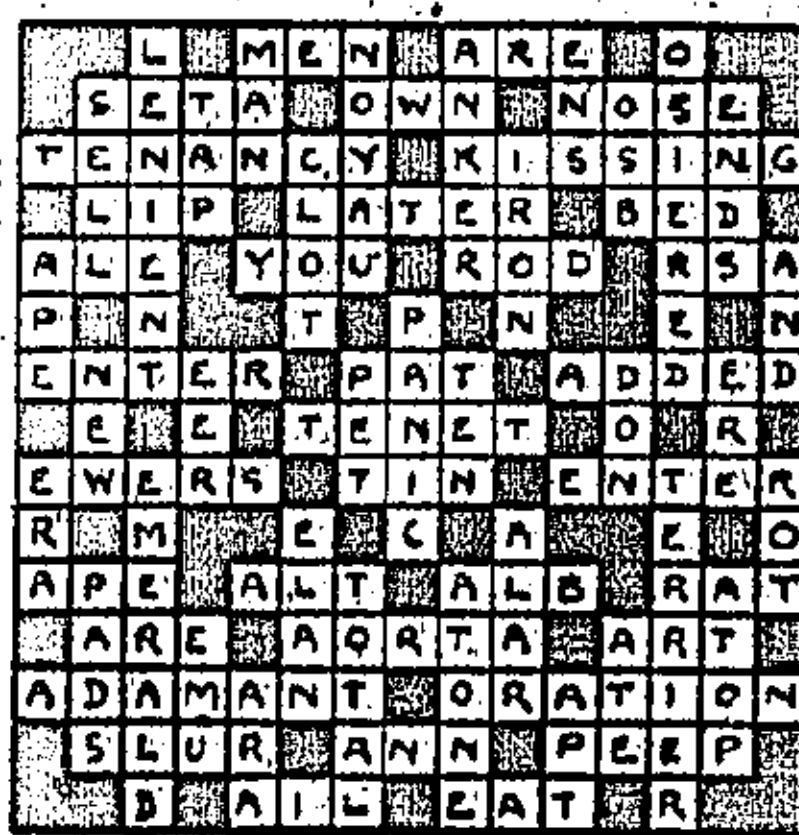
Down.

1. Those who bribe.
2. Make reference to.
3. Morning.
4. Akin.
5. Melodies.
6. Choked with mud.
7. Minted.
8. Fit to be clipped.
9. To do by tating.

And (French).

11. Female of the "ruff."
12. Nestle.
15. Killed.
19. Neuter pronoun.
20. Christian Era.
26. Bear in mind.
28. Ascertains the capacity of.
30. Gratify, as the senses.
32. Covering of a tooth.
34. Prolong.
35. Gentle blow.
37. Definite article.
41. Those who sell cloth.
42. Negative.
43. Execute.
44. Salvation Army.
45. Chopper.
46. Case inclosing light.
48. Withered.
49. Thence in one.
51. Burdened.
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55. Assistant.
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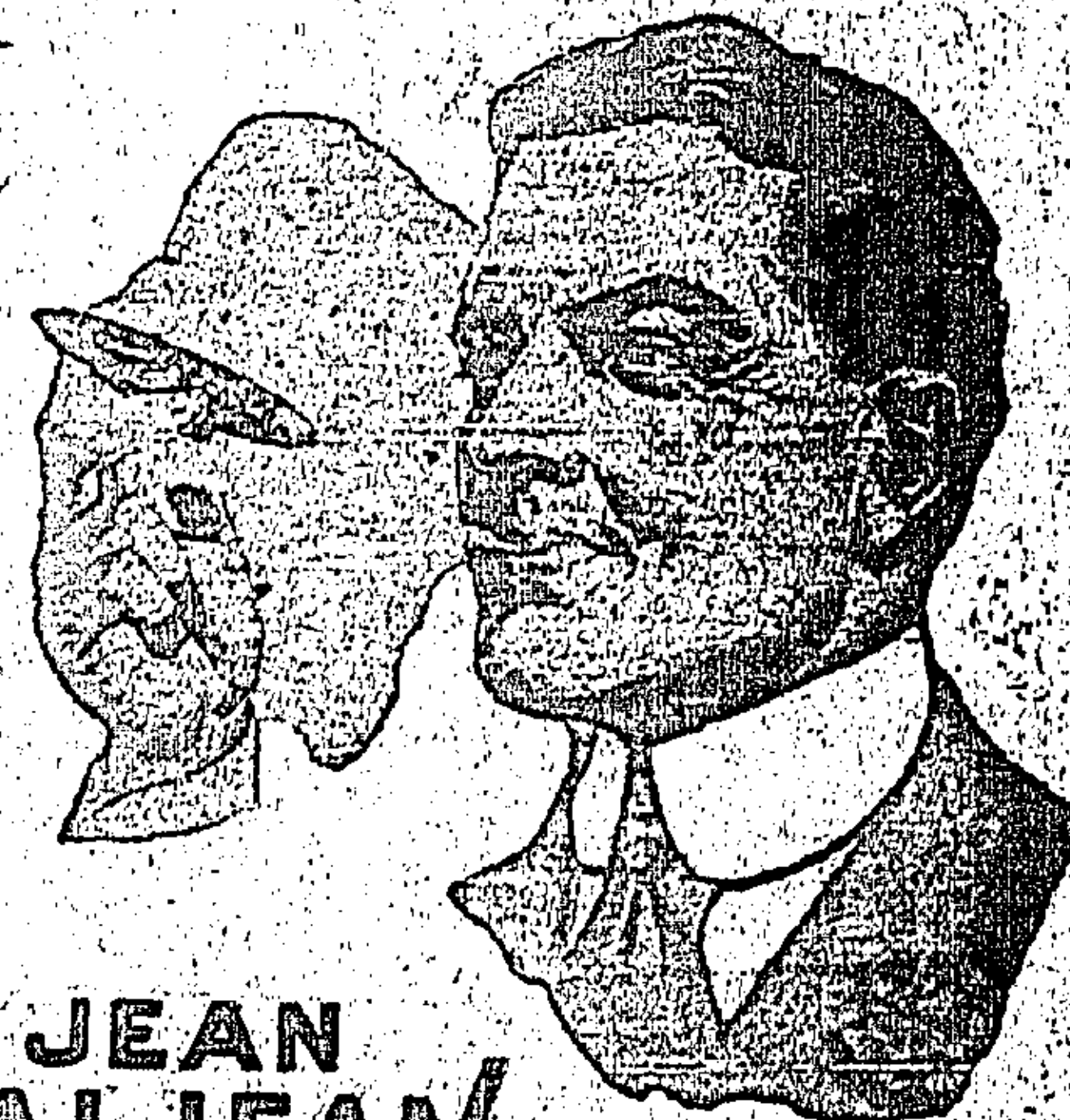


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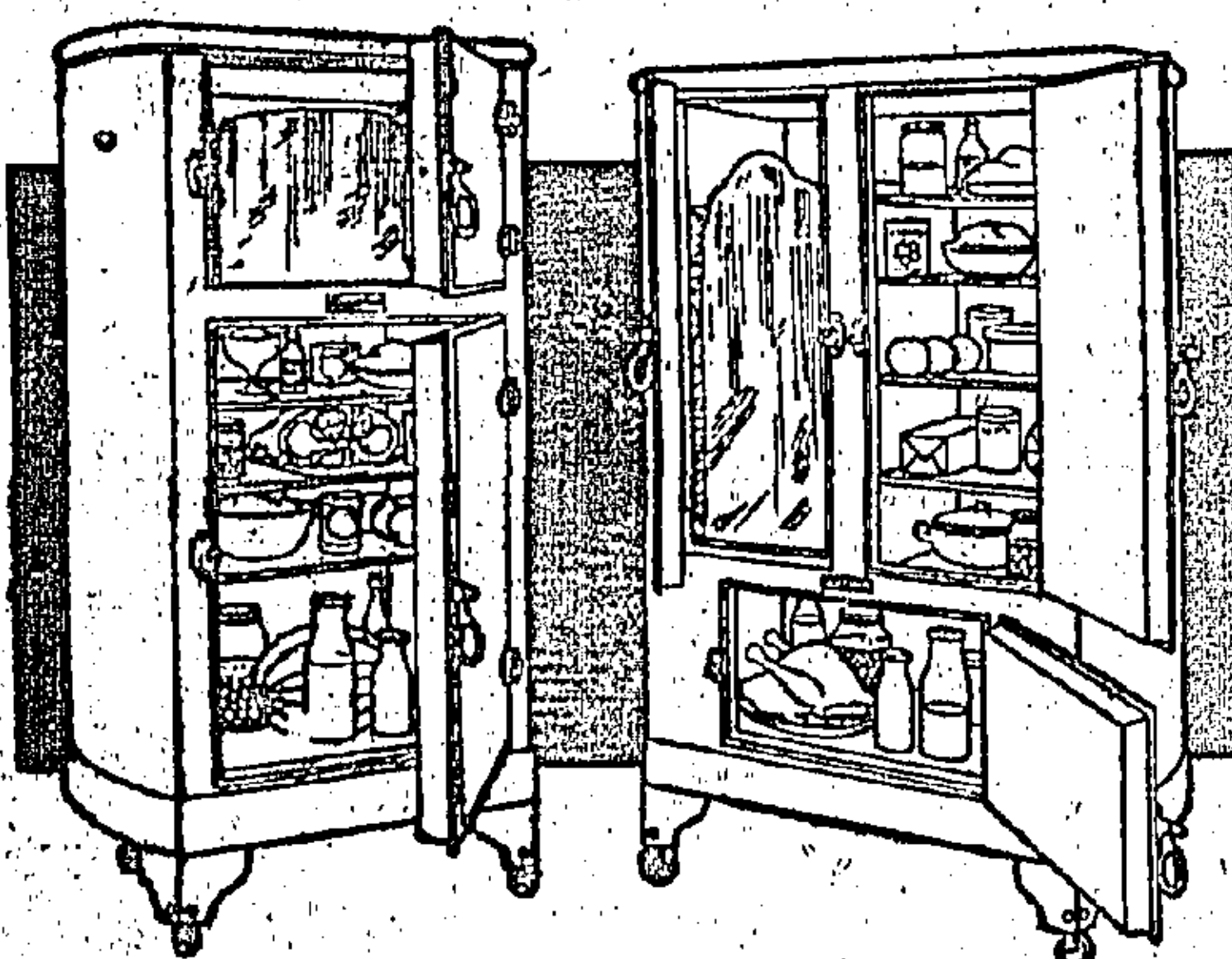
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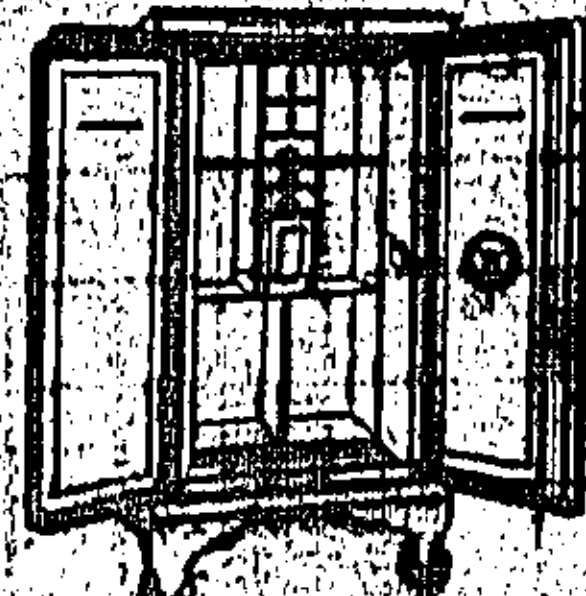


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A BUDGET THOUGHT.

One of the most thought-provoking aspects of the local Budget which was presented to the Legislative Council on Thursday is the manner in which the residents of the Colony are deprived of anything at all to say on what shall or shall not be done. Everything is planned for us by officials and we have to take things whether we like them or not. That system was all very well years and years ago, but it is extraordinarily anomalous to-day. Big schemes of public works are taken up, and then dropped (after lots of money has been spent) without as much as a "by your leave," our hospital fees are increased, an important fiscal change is made, and everything is in the "cut and dried" stage before the public gets to know anything about it. There is one prominent local resident who hasn't been here very long and to whom democratic institutions still mean something who can wax very eloquent on the subject of the official control of everything and there is a tremendous amount to be said for his assertion that, so far as the direction of purely local municipal matters are concerned, Hongkong is years behind the times. It is, of course, true that no large city like Hongkong is so dominated by officials or is composed of so powerless a population, politically. In the early days of Hongkong the importance of Imperial questions connected with the Colony far exceeded the importance of the local administration, but it cannot to-day be claimed that such purely domestic questions as water supply, gaol provision and hospital fees are of such a nature that they cannot be entrusted to the care of the inhabitants. There would be no desire on the part of anyone to interfere with the larger questions of Imperial policy or those affecting the relations between the British and Chinese, but whether (by way of illustration) Hongkong shall or shall not have a water flushed sewage disposal scheme is a matter on which Hongkong residents, and not officials appointed from Home, ought to have the last word.

The civilian population of Hongkong is undoubtedly deficient in civic spirit and it can be said that they are the fruit of the system it can with more truth be said that they have permitted the system. On all matters of local administration the people here are dumb and largely without thought, whereas if one pays a visit to other places in the Far East, particularly to Shanghai, there is an entirely different spirit noticeable. There, the local residents are alive and alert regarding the municipal problems being tackled by his representatives, and there is competitive enterprise among them as how best to improve the place. Shanghai residents are always concerned with the improvement of Shanghai, trying to see how it can be improved in every way for the benefit of residents. They are not, as are the majority of foreign residents here, wholly content to view the Settlement as but a place of their temporary sojourn from which they hope some day to return to their native land pecuniarily better off. They think in terms of Shanghai, whereas we here think in terms of Home, wherever that might be. And we blame the climate, or the native population, or the geographical configuration of the island, or the width of the harbour or any other old thing when we try to justify some of the more obvious defects of our urban equipment. We have just had a Budget all nicely framed for us and we needn't bother any more about it, even though we do sometimes grumble about things. That seems to be the attitude of most British residents, and it is not one which does them full credit.

Naval Volunteers.

In our comment on the Budget on Saturday last, we expressed doubt whether the times are exactly propitious for initiating the scheme which aims at establishing in this Colony a Royal Naval Volunteer unit. Our query was based solely on the point of the cost involved—a point on which there is some doubt, although it has been thought that at least \$40,000 will be required for the first half-year when once the Reserve is brought into being. As to the value and utility of such a unit, we have no doubts whatever, and it would certainly be most fitting that Hongkong, as a naval station, should eventually come into such a scheme. The idea is to secure on loan from the Admiralty a gunboat of the "Insect" class—such as the Moth and Mantis—and for the Government here to undertake the cost of upkeep, fuelling and the trained personnel. The success of the scheme, we are told, would depend on the response for Volunteers, but we imagine that there need be no qualms on that score, for service in such a unit would doubtless make a strong appeal to many young men here. A similar scheme is afoot in Malaya, and we notice that although its details have not been worked out, applications have been asked for. The result is, we read, quite up to expectations and the committee appointed to report on the matter is stated to have been favourably impressed on this particular point. It is recognised in Malaya that a big expense will be involved in connection with the scheme, when once it is floated, and this aspect of the question is at the moment receiving serious attention. The Government in Hongkong is apparently anxious that the unit be started here, and, apart from the question of the outlay involved, we agree entirely with the project. Until the general prospects of the Colony in the near future are more clearly defined, however, we still doubt the wisdom of assuming such a heavy financial burden as the Reserve might turn out to be.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. John Francis Shirley, Chief Electrical Engineer, of the H. M. S. Hermes, to Miss Gertrude Ellen Davis, of The Mount, the Peak. Mr. Carl Peder Nissen, merchant of Shanghai, to Mrs. Arla Kristiansen, Petronella Poulsen (nee Jensen), widow, of Copenhagen.

DAY BY DAY

OUR POSSESSIONS ARE WHOLLY IN OUR PERFORMANCES. HE OWNS NOTHING TO WHOM THE WORLD OWES NOTHING.—Stimms.

The deaths of four Chinese dock passengers from berths is reported by the master of the Norwegian s.s. Soviken, which arrived in Harbour yesterday.

While riding a motor-cycle at Wanichai yesterday, Mr. A. R. Cox, of the Hongkong Electric Company, knocked down a Chinese woman. She sustained a broken ankle.

A prize of a sovereign, penknife and a piece of string was presented to T. C. Taylor, a Stamford Grammar School boy, for showing more common sense than any of his fellows during the year.

H. M. S. Magnolia, which was damaged by s.s. Hozan Maru at Swatow, but not seriously damaged, is expected to arrive in Hongkong at the end of the week for repairs. The circumstances attending the collision are not yet reported.

When charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with stealing a chicken, a Chinese coolie pleaded that it had been abandoned and he found it wandering about the streets. Sentence of one month's hard labour was imposed.

A quantity of rubbish and chips caught fire in a carpenter's shop at Staunton Street this morning. The Fire Brigade was called, but before its arrival the fumes had succeeded in putting out the outbreak by the application of buckets of water.

To-day's report of the Royal Observatory states that although the anticyclone has weakened slightly, strong monsoon may still be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast up till noon to-morrow is "North-east winds, strong; fine."

Passengers arriving from Manila by s.s. President McKinley included Miss Winifred Scott, a newspaper woman of Honolulu on vacation and Mr. J. J. Underwood, publicity agent of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, making a survey of business conditions in the Orient. Mr. E. T. Beyer, formerly of the Admiral Oriental Line at Hilo, returning to the U. S. on account of ill health, was a passenger by the same vessel.

One of the outstanding features of the International Conference of Christian Missions in Africa, now being held at Le Zoute, by a speech made on Sept. 18 by Sir Frederick Lugard, a former Governor of Hongkong. The aim, he said, was not to substitute a European mind for an African mind, but to help to create new Africa standards of responsibility, instead of the servile habit of mind and the rule of force.

A demonstration of fire fighting with the automatic carbonic acid dry fire extinguisher "Total," will take place at the Kowloon Fire Brigade compound, (near the Star Ferry Wharf) this afternoon, at 5.30 p.m. This demonstration will be highly interesting, as this type of fire extinguisher is new to the East and claims to be one of the most efficient and only universal type of fire extinguisher on the market.

Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Steamships Company, will return to Hongkong by the R.M.S. Empress of Canada. Mr. Cameron has been away from Hongkong for the past few months on a business trip to the head office of the Company in Canada. During his absence Mr. P. A. Cox, assistant Oriental Manager, Shanghai, has been in charge, and he will now be returning to Shanghai.

Formerly owned by the Marquess of Anglesey and used during the war as the flagship of the Commander-in-Chief, on the China Station, the 1,800-ton steam yacht Alacrité (better known by her former names of Margarita and Semiramis) is being fitted out and prepared at Cowes for a cruise round the world. The present owner, Mr. Montagu Graham White (brother of the aviator), has chartered the yacht to Mrs. Moore, who comes from New York, and who, with her party, has arranged to embark in the Alacrité for this long cruise, which will occupy about a year, early in December.

TRAFFIC CASES

A CHEEKY TAXI-DRIVER.

Mr. T. F. O'Sullivan, of the Supreme Court, was the complainant in a prosecution under the traffic regulations before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a taxi driver was charged with using abusive language to Mr. O'Sullivan, and refusing to complete the journey. The defendant denied the first charge, and admitted the second.

Giving evidence, Mr. O'Sullivan said on the night of October 8th, he engaged the taxi by the Post Office, and told the driver to proceed to Robinson Road. The number of the taxi was 278. When they arrived at the junction of Robinson Road and the Peak Road, the taxi stopped and the driver refused to go any further. Witness told him to proceed to the end of the journey, or he would not get his fare. He knew at the time that the road was blocked at the junction of Glenelg and Robinson Road, and he wanted the taxi to go to that junction, which was a distance of about another 100 yards.

DEFIED POLICE

The defendant got out of the taxi and blew his whistle, and two Chinese constables who happened to be near came up. They ordered the driver to proceed on the journey. He refused, but they eventually persuaded him to do so. He jumped in the taxi and shouted "Come in" but some children who were with Mr. O'Sullivan were frightened and would not get in the taxi. The defendant then drove the empty taxi to the end of the road, and returned on foot with a tyre pump in his hand. He brandished this implement in front of Mr. O'Sullivan and said: "I know you very well. You always take taxis and never pay for them." He then made use of abusive phrases, ending with words meaning: "I will watch for you," which was in the nature of a threat. Witness instructed one of the constables to take the defendant to the Police Station.

Mr. O'Sullivan added that the defendant refused to produce a small book which was for the purpose of being signed by a passenger in the event of the taxi being unable to complete the journey. This book, he said, was issued to the taxi drivers.

The defendant said no such book was issued by the Company.

The two Chinese constables were called, one of whom said the defendant had no pump, and the other one said he had.

The defendant said he was willing to proceed on the journey but he knew it was dangerous, and he asked the fare to walk a few paces. He denied using abusive language, and added that he merely asked for his fare, but the complainant did not understand him. He denied that he had a pump.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said the defendant had been previously fined for speeding.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 on the first charge, and \$15 on the second.

DANGEROUS PRACTICE

In another case, in which Chief Inspector Aris prosecuted, a Chinese was charged with negligent driving. He admitted the charge. Inspector Aris explained that at about quarter past six on the 13th inst., he was driving down Stubbs Road in his "Austin 7" car. There was another vehicle approaching, and when they were nearly abreast, the defendant suddenly came from behind with no warning. To avoid a collision, Inspector Aris was compelled to apply both brakes, and pull right into the wall. Had he been driving a bigger car, he added, a collision would have been inevitable. The defendant was fined \$20.

EXCESSIVE LOAD

The owner and driver of a lorry were summoned, the former for allowing the lorry to be overloaded, and the latter with having inefficient brakes.

Sergt. Hopkins said he saw the lorry at 2.20 p.m. on the 12th inst. in Garden Road proceeding towards Robinson Road. He took the lorry to be weighed and found the load was over two tons in excess of the maximum allowed.

The owner said the lorry was hired out, and he did not know what the load was. The driver admitted having inefficient brakes.

Sub-Inspector Alexander said the owner had been before the Court before, after which his Workshop remarked that the owner was trusting to those things without any excuse at all, and it was usual

RICKSHA INCIDENT

MAGISTRATE'S DOUBT IN THEFT CASE

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a ricksha coolie was charged with stealing or attempting to steal \$1.40 from the person of a private in the R.A.S.C. Mr. W. B. Hind defended.

A Chinese detective said that at about one o'clock yesterday morning, he was on patrol along Pedder Street, when he noticed three or four men loitering in a suspicious manner at the entrance into a side lane between Jardine, Matheson's building, and Pedder Building. He entered the lane, and at its inner end found a ricksha with its hood up and its number and lights covered over with the front flap of the vehicle. A military man was lying across the seat, whilst the cooler was stooping over him, in the act of rifling his pockets.

Witness seized the cooler, and as he did so the three men who were at the entrance of the lane rushed in as if to carry out an attack and prevent him from arresting the cooler. He kept them off by threatening to shoot them with his revolver, whilst succeeding in keeping his hold on the cooler.

Assistance came at this moment from Sennet Freres' night watchman. Witness searched the ground and found coins strewn round about and under the ricksha. These amounted to \$1.40, which now formed the substance of the charge.

The complainant said he had been to Macao and returned about 7.15 in the evening, after which he had several drinks. The last time he remembered was ten minutes past eleven, at the King Edward Hotel, and he did not remember anything more until he woke up in the morning, when he found ten cents in his pocket. He had about \$10 on him after dinner, but he did not know how much he had with him at ten minutes past eleven.

His Worship said the charge of attempting to steal would have to be abandoned, as there was no evidence of it. His Worship asked for evidence of the searching of the defendant, but this was not forthcoming, as the searcher could not be found.

Mr. Hind submitted that there was no case. The prosecution had not proved that any money was stolen from the complainant. The latter did not know himself if any of his money had been stolen.

Mr. Lindsell said the point was whether there was sufficient circumstantial evidence.

Mr. Hind replied that the evidence did not go to show that the defendant took anything from the complainant's pocket.

The defendant, in the witness box, said the complainant did not pay his fare, and he ran after with his ricksha to collect it. The complainant sat on the floor of the ricksha, and defendant was lifting him on to the seat when a constable came up and accused him of going through the complainant's pockets. The complainant handed some money to the constable, but this fell on the floor.

Mr. Lindsell said he was sure the defendant was guilty, but he did not know whether the law would allow him to record that verdict having regard to the evidence. He would consider the case, and adjourn it until Thursday.

ROYAL VISITORS

RUMANIAN QUEEN IN AMERICA.

New York, Oct. 18.

The liner Leviathan, arrived this morning from Europe, with Queen Marie of Rumania, Prince Nicholas and Princess Helena aboard.

The Royal party was cordially welcomed by a Reception Committee representing New York City, and the party was loudly cheered as it drove to the hotel. President and Mrs. Coolidge will receive the party at the White House to-morrow, after which the Queen will place a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier.

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less for him to say he did not know. He must have known about it. He fined the owner \$30 and the driver \$10.

CHURCH FAILS.

CHRISTIAN COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS.

CANDID ADMISSIONS.

At the second day of the annual meeting of the National Christian Council at Shanghai, the conference was divided into four groups which met separately. They spent their time in the main trying to outline the deepest issues at present confronting the Christian movement in China. In the afternoon the various groups reported and there was a general discussion of the same subject. Late in the day Dr. C. Y. Cheng, a secretary of the National Christian Council, presented the subject of a National Programme for the Christian Church in China.

LOW VITALITY.

In both the group and general discussions a number of points were repeatedly emphasised dealing with the present condition and problems of the Christian Church. It was felt in the first place, that, generally speaking, Chinese Christians are at a low state of spiritual vitality. In the second place, frequent reference was made to the numerical inadequacy of Chinese Christian leaders. More than once it was pointed out that young Chinese Christians tend away from the Christian ministry and toward institutional and social types of Christian work.

The representative of one large mission stated that all the theological training schools in North China are not producing a sufficient number of graduates to meet the needs of his one mission alone.

NEW SITUATION.

In the third place, emphasis was laid upon the fact that the Christian Church is confronted with an entirely new situation. This situation, generally speaking, it has not been prepared to meet.

In the fourth place, it seemed to be assumed by the majority of those who spoke that the Christian Church has a direct responsibility towards the domestic and international problems which now beleaguer both the Christian Church and the Chinese people.

One speaker significantly brought out the fact that if the Christian Church were to help the Chinese people to solve the problem of militarism, it would thereby win for itself more general recognition as having an essential part and place in the life of the Chinese nation.

The general discussion was full of verbal sharp-shooting. The dual relationship between the mission and the Chinese Church was stated to be likely to disappear. With the passing of the mission organisation, the missionary will, it is believed, become an integral part of the Chinese Church, and the gifts of Western Christians be administered by Chinese Christians. The necessity of cultivating first the spiritual life was emphasised, but there was equal emphasis upon the fact that the spiritual life must show itself in the practical solution of everyday problems. The Christian movement, therefore, must work out a programme whereby its forces may be trained upon all kinds of practical problems. It was urged that among other things the National Christian Council should help rural churches to face the problem of rural life and education.

ADMISSION OF FAILURE.

In addition to the fact already mentioned that the spiritual vitality of the Christian Church is at a low ebb, it was pointed out first, that generally speaking, Christian schools have been a failure in that instead of creating a large group of young people who understand and are willing to support the Christian religion, the reverse is largely true; second, that all the work of the past hundred years has largely failed to fit the Christian church to meet the present situation; third, that the Christian dynamic, of which so much has been said, is not much in evidence; fourth, that worship in Christian churches is still largely foreign; and, fifth, that the Christian church has neglected overmuch the Chinese classics as a basis on which to build up the Christian religion in China.

One Chinese woman urged the need of Christianising the Christian movement.

"A BAD MAN."

SIKH DRUNK IN TEMPLE.

The description of a "bad man" was given to a Sikh, named Hari Singh, who got drunk and became quarrelsome, within the precincts of the Sikh Temple at Morrison Gap Road.

It was alleged, at the Police Court this morning, during the hearing of a charge of being drunk and disorderly against the defendant, that when ordered out of the Temple, he caught hold of the priest's beard and was very disorderly.

Replying to the Bench, the priest said that defendant was welcomed into the Temple on his arrival here four months ago, from Shanghai. He did not conduct himself well, being very often drunk, and at last the Committee of the Temple decided that he should not be permitted to continue his stay there.

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

Claims in To-morrow.

To-morrow is the last day for the sending in of claims in connection with last week's Football Forecast Competition.

The award will be announced on Friday.

The Sikh Police Inspector, who is also the President of the Committee of the Temple, was asked by Mr. Lindell if he regarded defendant as being "a bad man."

The Inspector replied that that was so, and he had asked defendant to go away.

His Worship imposed sentence of fourteen days' hard labour without the option of the fine.

OPERA COMPANY.

FINAL PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.

Last night the Italian Grand Opera Company gave "Lucia di Lammermoor" at the Star Theatre at Kowloon, and it was enjoyed as much as any other of the operas which the Company has produced here.

The principal parts were finely rendered and the production was in every way a success.

To-night, the big draw is "Aida," which has been selected fittingly to wind up the Company's season in Hongkong.

David Davies, the "Dartmoor Shepherd," now aged 84, was arrested at Oswestry, after absconding from Llanfyllin Workhouse.

The Polish Cabinet has adopted the Bills ratifying the International Opium Convention which was signed at Geneva on February 19, 1925.

Reference was made to the Kuomintang, which inspires its members with the feeling that it has ends beyond itself. This is in contrast to the feeling of many Christians that the Christian church, as an organisation, is looked on as an end in itself.

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES.

Another speaker pointed out that non-Christian leaders in China are beginning to realise that religion is essential to the life of the people. The nationalist movement has been, it was said, a stimulus to the founding of independent churches, of which the number has considerably increased during the past year. The anti-Christian movement does not attack independent churches. It was therefore urged by another speaker that all churches should become independent. However, the danger of nationalism was shown to consist in the fact that "when it becomes the centre of church life there can be no unity of spirit." The need, therefore, for the internationalisation of Chinese churches as well as their nationalisation was pointed out.

Mr. Hsu, from North Fukien, said that the National Christian Council must do four things—first, be an inspiration to the churches in China; second, take the lead in anti-opium work; third, oppose unequal treaties; fourth, take steps to raise the standard of church leaders.

Frequent reference was made also to the necessity of developing religion as a vital part of home life in addition to carrying on church services.

SIANFU SIEGE.

MISSIONARIES ARE FREED.

AFTER FIVE MONTHS.

According to a Peking message of the 18th inst., Mr. Wheeler, who went to Sianfu last month to make arrangements for the evacuation of the British missionaries, has sent a telegram to the British Legation stating that through the good offices of General Liu Chen-hua, the Tupan of Shensi, all the foreign missionaries at Sianfu have been brought out of the place safely, except the Rev. and Mrs. Jensen, six British men and apparently some Catholics who decided to remain.

Confirmation of this telegram was received in Shanghai through mission sources, but the telegram stated that all the foreign ladies and children have now left the besieged city, and all of them are well.

CONDITIONS IN CITY.

Terrible conditions are reported to exist inside the city, and the imprisonment was made all the worse by the fact that communications between the missionaries and the outside were almost completely cut. No letters or newspapers were received by the missionaries since May 16, and scanty letters sent out are many weeks old, showing that they have been sent out by very devious routes.

One missionary in Sianfu, writing to the Central China Post, dated his letter August 26. He stated that he sent out his letter by two students who were trying to leave the city, and succeeded. His letter stated:

REFUGEES ESCAPE.

Several thousand refugees seem to be getting out each day at present. There is some hope of peace. General Liu has sent in his terms by Mr. Watson and Mr. Russell who went out to talk with him about the refugees. It now depends on whether General Li and Yang will accept the terms. I do not know at all what the terms are, but they say they are reasonable. An aeroplane circled over the city to-day letting down leaflets, telling General Liu's side of the story and trying to entice the soldiers to join him, offering money for their guns. We hope and pray they will come to terms without much more fighting. As far as I know, none of the Christians have been killed, but some have died of illness. So far none of the foreigners have been wounded. Altogether there are thirty-nine foreigners in the city. We have not had a letter or paper since May 16 so we know nothing about how the rest of you are getting on.

CRITICAL SITUATION.

In Sian the situation is growing more critical and a change must come soon. More refugees have been let out of the city lately and they say wheat is now commanding a price \$7 per ton inside the city. That shows provisions are getting scarce. It is also reported that military leaders there are greatly divided in opinion as to what course to take at present. Some would want to continue the struggle and for that purpose appropriate all private grain for many military uses, leaving the people to starvation.

Others prefer to fight their way out and try to escape. We do hope they will decide on giving up the city and not continue the fighting with all its attending suffering to the people and added danger to the foreigners there. The rest of the Kuomintang now being driven farther and farther away from Sian, it seems worse than futile for those inside the city to hold on to it any longer.

EXILE'S RETURN.

ASHANTI CHIEF'S REINSTATEMENT.

Rugby, Oct. 18. It is officially announced that permission has been given for the Ashanti Chief, Prempeh, who was exiled thirty years ago, and was elected as Chief of the Kumasi Division of Ashanti—British Wireless.

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IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

WORK OF OPENING SESSION.

Rugby, Oct. 18.

The Imperial Conference will open at No. 10 Downing Street to-morrow morning. The Prime Ministers of the Dominions and the representatives of India will proceed thither after attending in Westminster Abbey the unveiling of a tablet to 1,000,000 men of the British Empire who fell in the Great War. They will assemble in the historic Cabinet room, under the presidency of Mr. Stanley Baldwin. Mr. Baldwin will welcome the members of the Conference and each Prime Minister from Overseas will reply. A loyal message will then be sent to the King. Arrangements for procedure and for the constitution of Committees will occupy this first session. The real business will begin on Wednesday morning, when it is anticipated that foreign relations will be discussed and that an important speech will be delivered by Sir Austen Chamberlain.

CANADA'S POSITION.

Mr. Mackenzie King, who represents Canada as its new Premier, gave an interview to Press representatives to-day. He was asked about the possibility of the annexation of Canada to the United States, and he declared that "nobody in the Dominion takes the thought of annexation seriously. I don't know a living soul in Canada who is in favour of annexation nor anybody who talks about it." It was equally absurd, he said, to suggest that American influence was increasing in Canada and altering the tone of the country. "Americans, as you know, are great advertisers. We get out literature and films from a source which is not British no doubt, and this influence in the

COTTON MARKET.

4,000,000 BALES TO BE WITHDRAWN.

Washington, Oct. 18.

A party of cotton growers' Representatives, visited President Coolidge to-day and outlined to him their plans to withdraw four million bales of cotton from the market, necessitating credits estimated at between \$150,000,000 and \$175,000,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*

The Imperial War Graves Commission has asked permission to erect a tablet in the church of St. Rombaut at Malines, in memory of British soldiers killed in France and Flanders.

A Home Aquarium Exhibition, the first of its kind in England is being organised by the British Aquarists' Association for the autumn.

realm of ideas cannot be ignored, but it does not over-ride all other influences and it is no more calculated to alter the character of the Britisher than is the fact that Canada is benefiting from investments from America." Mr. Mackenzie King, added, "I think that Canada's relations with the Motherland and with other parts of the Empire were never happier than they are to-day. We have no grievances whatever and it would not be wise to be too ready to encourage any new methods of procedure or structural changes in our relations. The Empire as it evolves will find what it needs without mechanical assistance and certainly without revolutionary schemes."—*British Wireless.*

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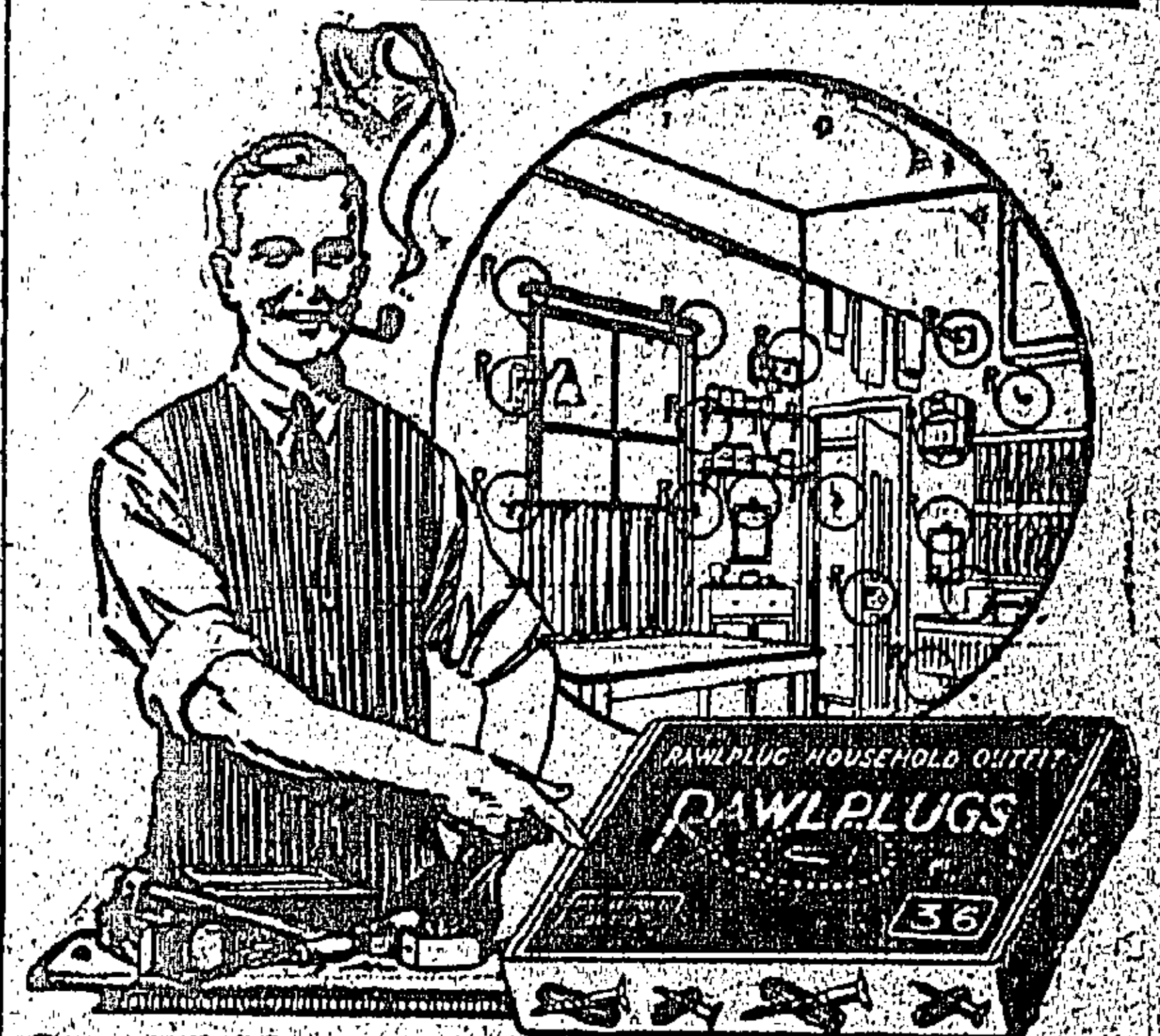
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Rugby, Oct. 18.

Mr. Stanley Bruce, the Prime Minister of Australia, last night presented two Australian ensigns to the memorial Chapel of the Twenty-ninth Division of the British Expeditionary Force, at Eltham.

Mr. Bruce, who served in the British Army during the war, was an officer in the Twenty-ninth Division, and won the Military Cross in Gallipoli, and the flags which he presented on behalf of Australia were given to mark the comradeship in arms of the Australian and New Zealand forces with those of the Mother Country.

After the dedication Mr. Bruce in a brief speech, referred to the intense admiration in which Australians held the Twenty-ninth Division, and to the imperishable deeds on the heights of Gallipoli in which the troops of both countries were associated.—*British Wireless.*

TO THE DEAD.

MEMORIAL FOR BRITAIN'S
HEROES.

Rugby, Oct. 18.

The Prime Minister of the Dominions and representatives of India and the Colonies now assembled in London for the Conference have accepted Mr. Baldwin's invitation to accompany him to Westminster Abbey to-morrow morning, when the Prince of Wales will unveil a tablet to the memory of one million dead of the British Empire, who fell in the Great War.

The ceremony is regarded as a particularly fitting prelude to the opening of the Conference. The following is the inscription on the tablet:

"To the glory of God and to the memory of one million of the British Empire who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. They died in every quarter of the earth and on all its seas, and their graves are made sure to them by their kin. The main host lie buried in the lands of our Allies of the war who have set aside their resting places in honour for ever."—*British Wireless.*

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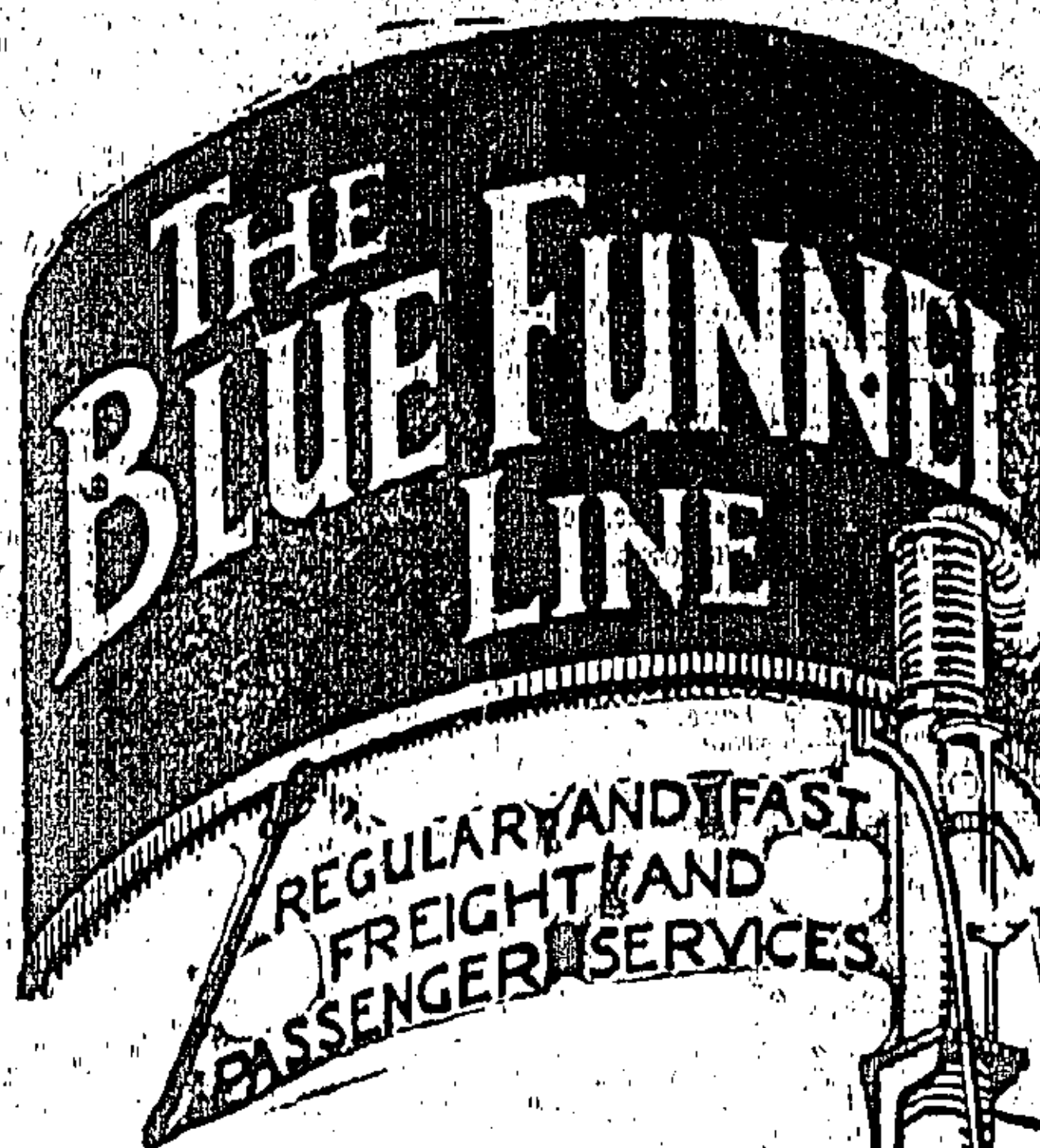
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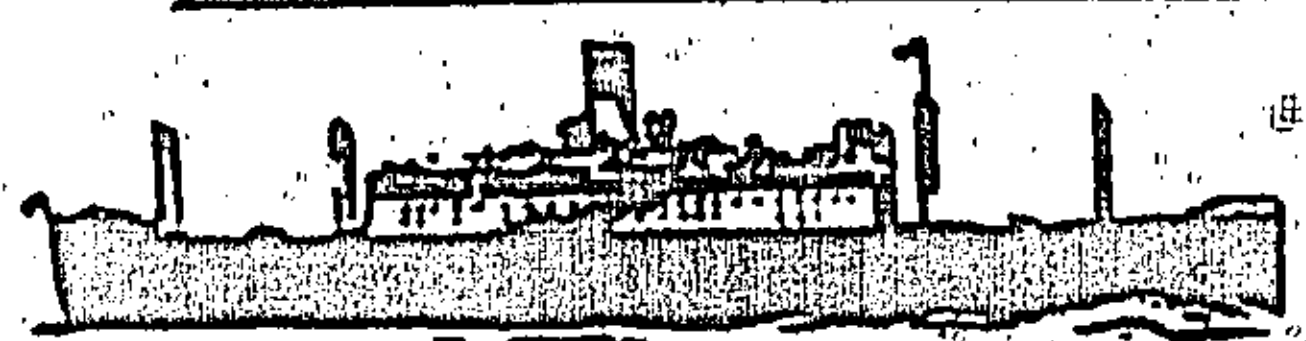
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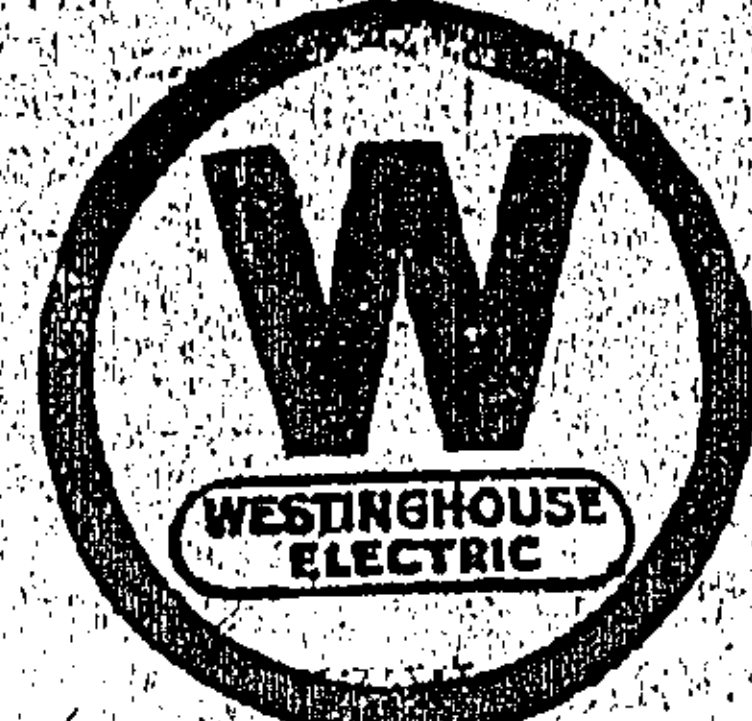
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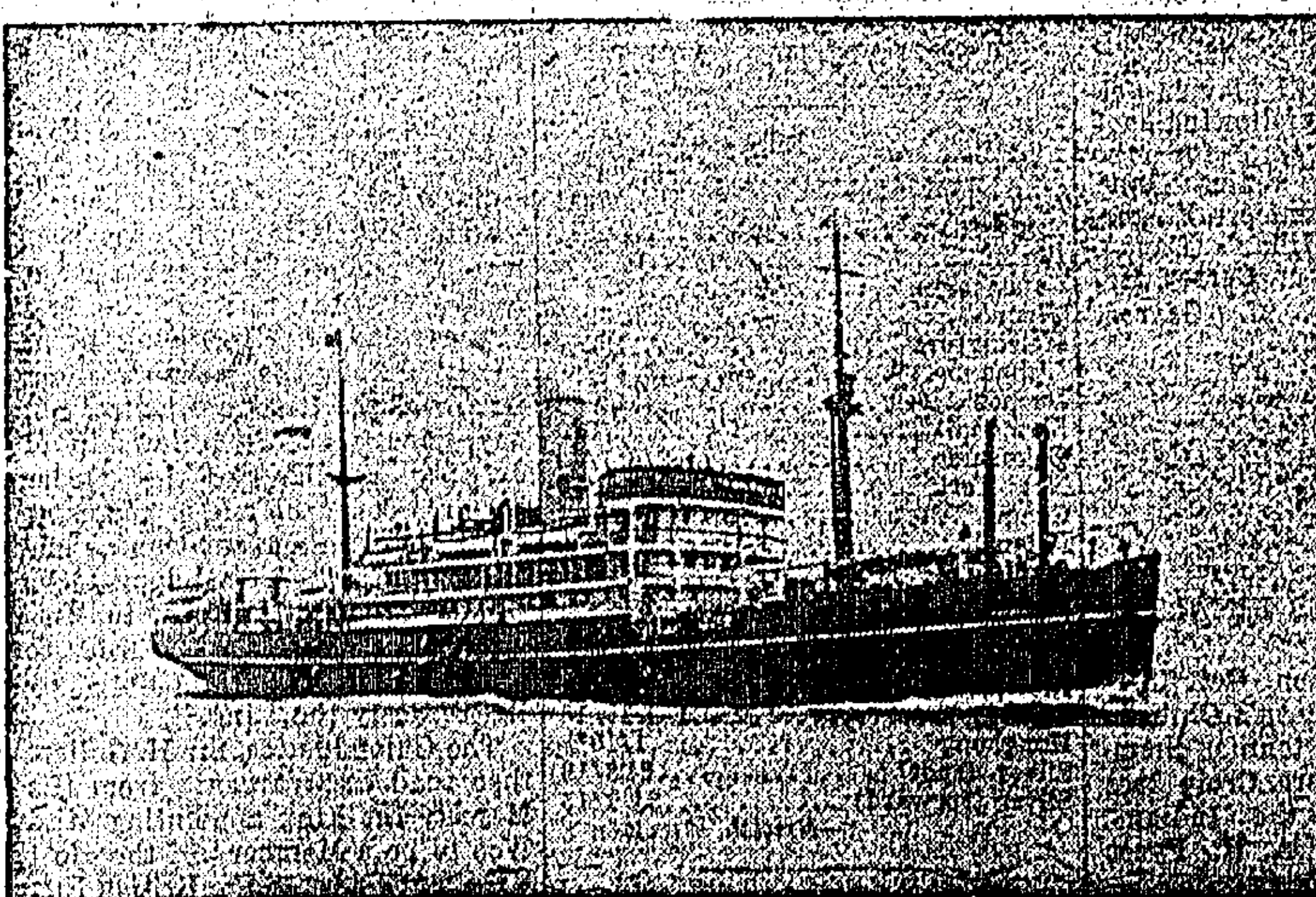
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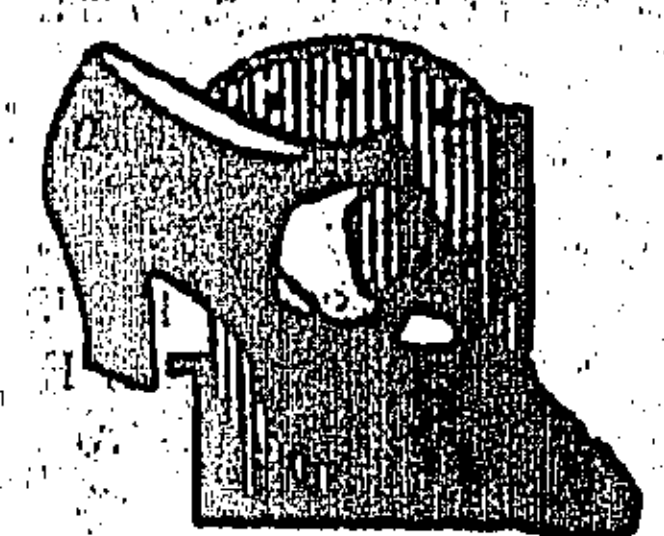
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A medical convention has met at Sydney to arrange the details of the constitution of an Australasian College of Surgeons, in readiness for formal inauguration by the Australasian Congress at Dunedin, New Zealand, next year.

For the first time since attachment of the Memel territory to the Republic of Lithuania, the President of the Republic, Dr. K. Grinius paid an official visit to Memel.

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SATURDAY'S INTERESTING WEDDING.



This group was taken in the grounds of Government House after the wedding of Capt. C. D. Armstrong, M.C., and Miss Dorothy Holyoak on Saturday. In the picture, besides the bride and bridegroom, are seen His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi, Misses Dione and Cecily Clementi (bridesmaids), Mrs. Holyoak, Miss Joyce Holyoak (chief bridesmaid), and Lieut. C. J. Yeo, the "best man." (Photo: Ming Yuen).

GETTING BETTER.

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this district has improved by 300 to 400 per cent. It is estimated. Notwithstanding the efforts of the extremist section of the Kuomintang to prevent the circulation of Hongkong currency in Canton, the premium on Hongkong notes has advanced rather than otherwise, the latest figures putting it at 28 per cent. above Canton currency.

DEMAND FOR MONEY.

The demand for money is also greater since the resumption of traffic between Canton and Hongkong. Nowadays, the native banks in Canton will not grant loans with interest lower than 12 per cent., whereas they could be secured at 7 or 8 per cent. before the termination of the boycott.

Dealers in British goods have been advised to dispose of their stocks within three months, but the prices which the shopkeepers are securing from their customers do not appear to show that the shops are having any clearance sales.

M. BORODIN'S SPEECH.

The Kuomintang Conference now being held in Canton is being attended by nearly 80 delegates and members of the Central Executive Committee. Some 53 delegates represent 14 provinces, four special areas, and 11 branches. Fukien has no delegates to send while Yunnan, Kweichow, and Heilungkiang have no Kuomintang organisations strong enough to be represented. Szechuan, Kiangsi, and Shensi have Kuomintang branches but, for unknown reasons, have failed to dispatch any representatives to the Canton meeting.

Among the addresses delivered at the opening meeting was one by M. Borodin, Soviet Head Commissioner to South China. M. Borodin said he had studied the Chinese revolution and movement for some years but believed that the cause would not easily succeed, unless the peasants and farmers were induced to join it. Capitalism and Imperialism might be crushed in China, he thought, but without the solution of the land problem, the revolutionary movement would still remain unfinished. The solution of the land problem did not necessarily mean anything detrimental to the interests of the intellectual or merchant classes, he said.

General Tan Yen-kai, acting Chairman of the Kuomintang in the absence of General Chang Kai-shek, presided over the first meeting, at which a brief review of the Northern Expedition was given. According to General Tan, the Provinces of Hunan and Hupeh could be said to have completely gone over to the Kuomintang, while operations in Kiangsi and Fukien were most favourable to the Kuomintang Army in the field.

Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of the late Kuomintang leader, was elected one of the presiding officers, and she is to preside over some of the subsequent meetings. The meetings may not adjourn before the 25th of October.

TROOPS ON MOVE.

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which would be their next step if their forces were strong enough. It seems apparent that the political stage has been reached, and although Marshal Sun may retreat, rival forces are balanced with the prospects of a clear-cut military victory very doubtful. A peaceful agreement seems to be the only, and the best, course open to them and will commend itself to those Chinese merchants and gentry who have worked hard to save this area from the devastating presence of another war following so closely on the war of 1924-25.

SOUTHERNERS' VICTORY.

Kiukiang, Oct. 2. Fairly severe fighting took place yesterday in the neighbourhood of Nanchang and lasted for about two hours. No deciding battle was fought over, however, owing to the non-participation of the main fighting bodies of the contending armies. In view of the fact that the Southerners have gradually come to realize the disadvantage of prolonging the fighting into the winter season, the deciding fighting will take place in this region within a few days with the Southerners' offensive.

General Yen Kai-shin's troops were recently defeated by the Southerners in the neighbourhood of Chishui. It seems that the negotiations which were reported proceeding between General Tang Sheng-che and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang are now at a standstill.

The Allies' aeroplanes have been taking part in the operation since yesterday.—Toho.

WARNING TO RIVER SHIPS.

Shanghai, Oct. 13.

A Kiukiang message of yesterday's date carried a notice which was stated to have been sent by the Allied Headquarters to the foreign Consuls stationed at Kiukiang. The notice warns that all native as well as foreign vessels will be fired upon by the Allies unless they stop on signal from the Headquarters irrespective of day and night. It is added that this order shall be kept in force during the period when martial law is in operation but that during the period all foreign war vessels shall be exempted from this military inspection.—Toho.

BATTLE FOR TEHAN.

Peking, Oct. 9.—The battle for Tehan, on the railway between Nanchang and Kiukiang, appears to have been extremely sanguinary one, according to foreign reports received here to-day.

After the fighting, it was learned that General Shih Hsiung-hsiung, one of Sun's division commanders, was himself wounded and had to return to Kiukiang for treatment. Three brigadiers were also missing after the fighting was over. There were heavy casualties amongst the "allied" forces.

These reports, which come direct from Kiukiang, say that conditions in that city verge on anarchy. When General Teng Ju-chi, topman of Kiukiang, was deposed by General Sun and set down from the post of commander-in-chief of the

CASE COLLAPSES.

PERSIAN OPIUM CHARGE FAILS.

The Persian Opium case, which concerns alleged deals involving over half a million dollars, collapsed at the Central Magistrate's court yesterday, the only remaining charge against the defendant being thrown out after Mr. M. K. Lo, defending, had made his submissions to the Bench.

The defendant is an employee of several firms all carrying on business at 108 Des Voeux Road Central and in the first place he was charged with taking part in procuring opium from Persia and also with purchasing half a chest of opium and selling it without a licence. The former charge was quashed at last Friday's hearing, the latter only being proceeded with yesterday.

Evidence for the prosecution showed that a number of documents were found when Revenue Officers visited the firm's address. Among these was a list of subscribers to a consignment of opium, showing that some of them undertook to take up a chest at a price of \$2,400. Others were to get a chest for \$1,900. The former was a reasonable price for Persia opium.

The Place of Operation.

Among the documents were receipts, in some cases the names being the same as those on the subscribers' list. Defendant was in the office at the time of the search and the prosecution sought to prove that he was among those participating in the buying of half a chest of opium.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Exports and Imports, who gave evidence, was cross examined by Mr. Lo, and when asked if he could say as a fact that the two documents related to the same transaction, replied that he was of the opinion they did.

Witness did not agree that all the documents could refer to transactions having taken place in Macao or even England when Mr. Lo suggested that there was no evidence of dealing in Hongkong. Questioned by Mr. Lindell, witness admitted that the subscriptions might have been solicited in Macao.

Defence Submissions.

Asked if the transactions might not have referred to ginseng, witness replied that no one would have hesitated to mention them if they did. Further questioned he said that the prices quoted might have been quoted for ginseng.

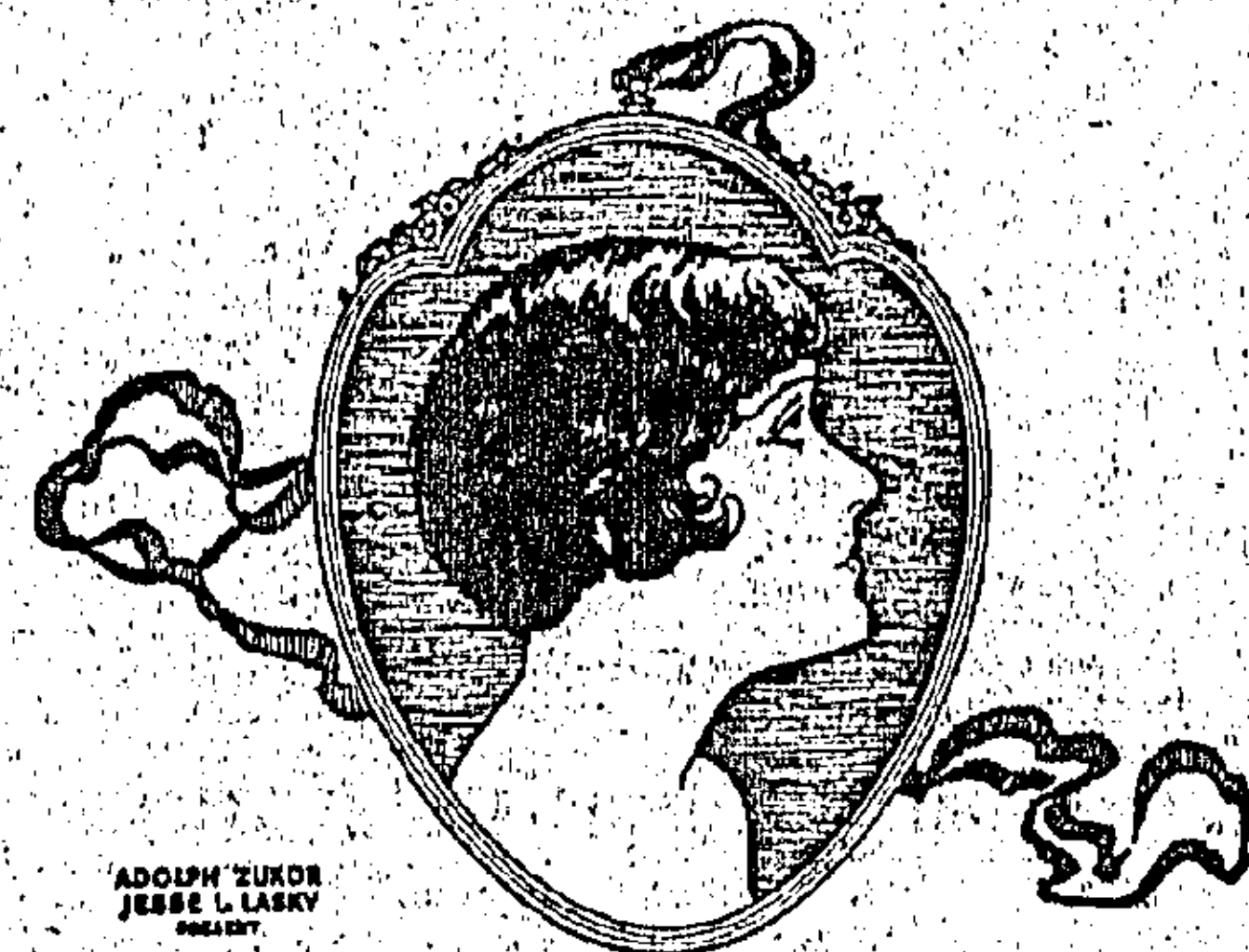
Mr. Lo submitted that he had no case to answer and that the section of the Ordinance under which the charge was framed could only mean that dealing in opium was prohibited in the Colony.

allied forces in Kiangsi, he left Kiukiang and since then no one is holding himself responsible for law and order in the city. The result is anarchy, despite the fact that Sun himself is there, and has his headquarters in the city.—Ching Mei.

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He quoted authorities in support of the argument and said that if the Law Officers of the Crown held that it did apply elsewhere then he would submit that they did not take place in the Colony; and also that there was no evidence to show defendant was an employee of the firms during the material times.

Magistrate Not Satisfied.
The prosecution had not shown any reason why the documents should be admitted as evidence against the defendant. He submitted further that they were not admissible, and secondly that even if they were, the documents were colourless, so far as the locality of the transactions.

Mr. Lindell (to Mr. Lloyd): Do you say that a man making arrangements in Macao for dealing in opium would render himself liable to criminal prosecution in this Colony?

Mr. Lloyd: There is international law to suppress opium dealing throughout the world. Mr. Lindell said that Mr. Lloyd had admitted that for all he knew the Syndicate might have had its headquarters in Macao. He intimated that he was not satisfied with the evidence and discharged the defendant.

MINERS' STRUGGLE.

London, Oct. 18.

The coal stoppage has now entered into its 25th week and there are no signs of an early stoppage.

Meanwhile, the miners' relief funds, including the \$1,200,000 received from Russia and elsewhere abroad, are exhausted and an appeal is being made for further funds, for food and clothing for the miners' wives and children.

Mr. A. J. Cook's efforts to stem the breakaway have been appreciably successful. The numbers of men working in pits in the neighbourhood of Leigh, where Mr. Cook made a speech yesterday have fallen by two to three thousand. The Notts and Derby figures to-day show a decline of 3,488, but increases are chronicled elsewhere. A few safety-men came out at a colliery in Amman Valley, Wales, but were immediately replaced by volunteers.

According to official figures 219,000 miners are working to-day, a decrease of 17,000 as compared with the previous return. This is, apparently, partly attributable to Mr. Cook's activities and partly the usual Monday absenteeism. Reuter.